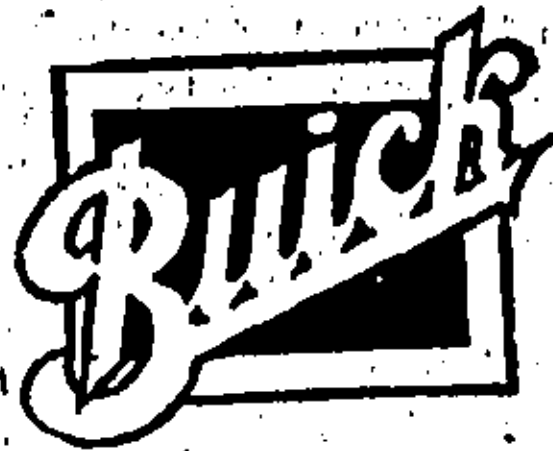




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GAIN IN POWER.

STRENGTH OF KWANGSI FACTION.

CANTON MERCHANTS.

Protection Demanded Against Labour Unions.

CHRISTIAN GENERAL REPORTED TO HAVE ASKED FOR \$3,000,000.

Although not progressing in every direction, the Kwangsi military faction which controls the two Kwang provinces has gained materially in power these few days. Increase in strength for the present administration means more settled conditions at Canton and in Kwangtung generally.

Uneasiness about the withdrawal of the Ironsides army has been allayed. The General of a doubtful force on Kwangtung's northern frontier has taken his men away for obvious reasons. The 5th Army of "Papersides" is showing a slight tendency to follow General Li Chai-sum in preference to adhering to a negative policy. A capture of Russian arms and munitions is claimed. And the Canton merchants are now coming into the open in asking for protection from labour unions.

News from other sources is not particularly encouraging. War seems inevitable near Hankow. The new Nationalist Government at Hankow has not solved the problems it is confronted with, and the "Christian General" is said to have asked for \$3,000,000.

HANKOW DANGERS.

Observers who have moved out from the Canton-Kowloon Railway zone report conditions satisfactory to General Li Chai-sum's Government in Canton.

The rumour that his opponents, the Ironsides, intended embarking on a forlorn hope in a bid for Swatow and the east coast has been proved to be unfounded. The Ironsides are steadily retiring northwards and Kiangsi province appears, indisputably, to be their goal.

It is still admitted that the Kwangsi army is unable to exert direct pressure on the Ironsides, the latter marching away merely because it is politic to do so. Meanwhile, Kwangsi units are following in their trail and taking over possession of evacuated townships.

LEFT IN FRIGHT?

13th Army Marching Away From Kwangtung.

Official intelligence from the northern districts of Kwangtung, confirmed by disinterested sources, is encouraging to the Kwangsi faction.

General Fang Ting-ying, commander of the 13th Nationalist Army, has deemed discretion the better part of valour and taken the units which were willing to accompany him on a long trek into Fukien province.

This General has a number of ex-Whampoa Cadets in his command. He has remained "on the fence" during recent internal disputes but, apparently, he now fears that the Canton Government will attend to him.

Not All Gone.

Not all in the 13th Army left Kwangtung. About half the strength of 15,000 remains. These men belong to units which General Li Chai-sum "lent" to the 13th Army previously for a particular campaign.

General Fang Ting-ying has declared for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. His departure, however, means the removal of a doubtful element from the province, with the prestige of the Kwangsi faction enhanced accordingly.

RUSSIAN ARMS.

Claim of Big Capture by "Felying."

The torpedo-gunboat "Felying," which supports the Canton Government, claims to have effected the capture of a shipload of Russian arms and ammunition from a fleet of junks.

The name of the place (in Chinese) is given but several islands along the Kwangtung coast bear this name. The "Felying" was at Swatow recently.

Kwangsi troops at Swatow and hinterland have been ordered by General Li Chai-sum to keep a

watch on the 13th Army in its march to Fukien.

Other Kwangsi troops (from Canton) are posted along the Railway to Sheklung, 40 miles down. The rest of the line has no military garrison except at Sam-chun, where Commander Lo Kwan (known as the "Chinese Black Douglas"), a guerrilla leader who used to give trouble in the vicinity of Miao Bay, is now in power.

AT WUCHOW.

Kwangsi Government's Watch on Reds.

Precautions are still being maintained at the Treaty Port of Wuchow against the entry of Communist agents.

Wuchow is up the West River, the port of Kwangsi province, which is ruled by General Wong Shiu-hung, a colleague of Li Chai-sum of Canton.

That confidence is being restored is evident from a report that the censorship may soon be lifted.

The Government wireless installation is now stated to have been completed and ready for working.

ANTI-LABOUR.

Government Policy in Two Provinces.

A commercial institution, representative of the merchants in Canton, has petitioned the Government to close all labour unions. The Government is lending a ready ear to merchants now because of the \$10,000,000 loan which was "approved" this week.

In addition to the demand against labour unions, the masters are also asking for restoration of privileges which they held until a few years ago, in dealing with staffs after China New Year—a matter of great importance in Chinese business.

News from Hupeh province (in which is Hankow) is that the Kwangsi Generals there are taking strong action against organisations of labour, peasants, women and students, meeting with the approbation of the merchants.

REDS FROM CANTON.

Join Communists of Hoifung Area.

A report from Swatow says that some of the Reds who took part in the rising in Canton last month have appeared at Hoifung (where a local Soviet Government has been established).

East of Swatow is Swatow, where the people have also been uneasy with regard to Communist agitation.

So far as is known, no military expedition has been sent to quell the Reds in Hoifung and Lukung, as the pro-Canton (Government) troops are busy watching the Ironsides' evacuation.

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INDIAN ROMANCE.

Ex-Maharajah To Wed An American.

A HINDU CONVERT.

Second Wife Prostrate With Grief.

Colombo, Yesterday. The ex-Maharajah of Indore is staying at an hotel at Nuwara Chiya, and an American girl, Miss Miller, is also there. The ex-Maharajah said he was ill and refused interviews, but it is ascertained that the couple are awaiting permission from the Indian Government authorities to be married.

The ex-Maharajah is communicating with the Hindu Missionary Society in regard to Miss Miller's conversion to the Hindu faith.—Reuter.

Marriage Not Favoured.

Bombay, Yesterday. According to the "Evening News" the Indrabai of Indore, the second wife, is prostrate with grief at the news of his intention to marry Miss Miller.

The Indrabai returned from Europe before the ex-Maharajah and went to Colombo to meet him.

It is reported that, on learning the news she fainted, and subsequently returned to Indore, refusing all food on route.

The newspaper states that advice from Indore show that practically nobody in the State favours the marriage.—Reuter.

No Enthusiasm.

New York, Yesterday. The romance of the ex-Maharajah of Indore and Miss Nancy Miller is the leading topic in the newspapers, but it has in no way aroused enthusiasm.

Miss Miller's aunt, Mrs. Caulfield, who was interviewed, was indignant at Nancy's intention to change her faith. She said, "I have not slept for three nights thinking about it." She added that Nancy and her mother own considerable property in Alaska. The family were originally Irish.—Reuter.

Mother's View.

New York, later. Miss Miller's mother, in an interview, said she was very much against her daughter's religious conversion, but added: "The Maharajah is a good man; if Nancy wants to marry him she can."—Reuter.

SPURIOUS.

REPORT ON MEXICAN DOCUMENTS.

SENATE INVESTIGATION.

Washington, Yesterday. The special Committee of the Senate which has been investigating the alleged Mexican documents published in the Hearst newspapers has reported to the Senate that the documents and spurious and fraudulent.—Reuter's American Service.

Cables published on November 15 and 16 and January 5 stated:—"The New York American" reproduces the facsimile of a document purporting to be an order signed by the Mexican President Calles authorising the payment of 100,000 pesos to Zepeda for the purchase of arms and ammunition for the Liberal Revolutionary Army at Nicaragua.

The Mexican Embassy describes the alleged facsimiles of Mexican documents as "forgeries unworthy of comment."

The "New York American" is meantime publishing further facsimiles alleged to have been issued by President Calles of his subordinates, showing the trend of Mexican policy in regard to Nicaragua.

Handwriting experts, including three employed by Mr. Hearst himself, have testified that the documents purported to have been taken from the Mexican secret archives are spurious.

BARON'S DEATH.

WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL TRAGEDY.

Rugby, Yesterday. Lord Glasgow died suddenly today whilst opening a war memorial hospital at Brecon.—British Wireless Service.

[Baron Glasgow, who has been Lord Lieutenant of Brecon since 1906, was adjutant to the C.I.V. in South Africa. He was 88 years of age.]

FIRE ON LINER.

Scenes on "President Polk."

CHINESE PANIC.

Officer Severely Mauled In Struggle.

Jersey City, Yesterday. A fire broke out this morning on the Dollar liner "President Polk" which was docked yesterday after a world tour.

The cargo of 86,000 bales of rubber from Singapore is believed to be considerably damaged. Fire boats from New York are assisting in the fight to save the vessel.

The Chinese crew have been taken off. All the passengers disembarked yesterday.—Reuter's American Service.

Blazing Hold.

Jersey City, later. The fire in the liner "President Polk's" cargo of rubber from Singapore was subdued after fire boats, tugs, and fire engines had poured in a continuous stream of water into the blazing hold from midnight till six o'clock in the morning.

The damage is estimated at several hundred thousand dollars. The Chinese crew stampeded when the fire started. An officer who tried to hold them back from

SOME DRIZZLE.

North east winds, fresh, generally overcast, some drizzle, is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

A typhoon is shown over North East Japan. The Anticyclone over China has strengthened slightly. Strong monsoon may be expected along the south east coast of China and fresh monsoon over the N. China Sea.

The gangway was severely mauled. The P.O. Police were summoned and restored order after vigorously trouncing the heads of the ringleaders.—Reuter's American Service.

P. & O. Ship Fire.

Bombay, Yesterday. A fire broke out in the hatch of the P. & O. liner "Kildare," which was due to leave for Yokohama to-night, in the cargo of cotton. It was got under control in half an hour. The extent of the damage is not yet known.—Reuter.

BOMBAY COTTON FIRES.

Japanese Owners Main Sufferers.

Bombay, Yesterday. Six outbreaks of fire occurred during the last two days at cotton green sewri, where the major portion of the Indian crop is stored. The damage is estimated at twelve lakhs of rupees. Japanese are the main sufferers.

The "Times of India" urges an enquiry and suggests that the fires are due to damp cotton.—Reuter.

Another Outbreak.

Bombay, Later. Another fire broke out at the Sewri Cotton Green damaging 5,000 bales. The loss is estimated five lakhs. It is estimated that 25,000 have so far been destroyed or damaged.—Reuter.

RED EXILES.

FATE OF TROTSKY AND HIS COMRADES.

IN REMOTE VILLAGES.

Berlin, Yesterday. The "Berliner Tageblatt's" Moscow correspondent sends details of the banishment of the ex-leaders of the Soviet Opposition. M. Ogorin informed 30 prominent members of the Opposition on January 8 that they would be deported immediately to remote places in European and Asiatic Russia, and simultaneously "urgently requested" the principal leaders to depart to the specified regions, for example, Trotsky, Astrakhan, and Kharov to a village in Wladimir; 800 miles from a railway station; Bakin and Kamenoff to villages in Tobolsk; and Zinovieff to Ural.

The deportees are allowed to keep daily up to now their banishment has been kept most secret from the public.—Reuter.

INDIAN SCHOLARS.

Ellis Kadoorie School Prize Day.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

Mr. A. el Arculli Pays Tribute To Mr. Ralston's Work.

Mr. A. el Arculli distributed the prizes at the Ellis Kadoorie Indian School, Bookmampoor, this morning. With him on the platform were Mr. A. E. Wood, Mr. E. Ralphs, Mr. J. Ralston, Mr. A. R. Sutherland (Headmaster of the School), Mrs. Sutherland and Mr. Bishen Singh.

Mr. Sutherland read the school report for the year ended December 31, 1927, as follows:—During the year which ended on December 31, 1927, the School has opened 225 times, the same number as in 1926. The maximum enrolment increased by 2 to 114 and the average increased from 98 to 107.56.

The only change in the Staff was made in February when I took over from Mr. Ralston.

The Public Works Department made a complete overhaul of the School during the Summer holidays. They also installed a much needed flush system for the masters.

Discipline is distinctly good, the prefects as usual being of great assistance in the playgrounds.

At the annual Examination all the boys in Class 4 passed. In the lower Classes 92 per cent. passed. Seven boys failed.

Throughout the School written work is neatly done. Reading, Colloquial and Recitation continue to be good. Dictation is fair, while Arithmetic and Grammar require attention, especially in Classes 4 and 5. Geography is good and is a very popular subject in Class 4. Urdu is improving slowly but steadily.

Almost every boy in the School plays cricket, football and ping pong. At our annual sports with the exception of two boys every pupil entered for some event. Physical Drill is taught every morning by an instructor kindly lent by the Hon. Capt. Superintendent of Police.

Twenty minutes exercise daily is bound to have a beneficial effect on the health of the pupils. The health has been very good throughout the year.

The School garden is in a flourishing condition. This is due chiefly to the interest Mr. Bishen Singh takes in it. We have been very fortunate in having no damage to repair after the heavy rains.

During 1927 43 boys received free education in this School. The Government provided eight Free Scholarships and the fees for the remaining 35 were paid from moneys donated by the late Sir Ellis Kadoorie, Mr. A. el Arculli, Mr. U. Rumjahn and Mr. H. M. H. Nemaize.

I wish to thank the Indian Community for their generosity in providing prizes for the Sports and the I.R.C. for lending us their ground for our Sports and for Cricket matches during the winter. Lastly I have to thank all the Masters for their loyal Co-operation throughout the year.

Satisfactory Report.

Addressing the gathering after distributing the prizes, Mr. el Arculli said that he thought that they would all agree with him that the report which they had heard read by Mr. Sutherland was very satisfactory, and he congratulated the masters and boys of the school on it, especially those boys of Class IV, who did so well at the recent annual examination. Mr. el Arculli said that they were all sorry that Mr. Ralston (former Headmaster) had left them upon going on leave, but they were glad to have him with them that morning.

Mr. Ralston.

They were all grateful to Mr. Ralston for all that he had done for the school not only in the class rooms but in the play ground. It was Mr. Ralston who had caused the beautiful ground outside to be covered over for the boys to play in, and also provided the shelter from the rain and sun during the summer months. Mr. Ralston was going to King's College with the best wishes for success in his new sphere.

Proceeding, Mr. el Arculli said that he had noticed that a few subjects required attention, namely, dictation, arithmetic and grammar. In dictation and grammar he could suggest a way which would help the boys to improve themselves, and

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THOMAS HARDY, O.M.

DEATH OF FAMOUS ENGLISH AUTHOR.

A LITERARY SOVEREIGN.

Great Novelist Passes At Age Of 87.

MAN WHO GAVE COUNTY OF WESSEX WORLD-WIDE FAME.

London, Yesterday.

The death is announced of Mr. Thomas Hardy, O.M., the famous novelist and poet.—Reuter.

At the age of 87 the Sovereign of English Literature has passed away.

Thomas Hardy was born on June 2, 1840, in Dorsetshire—his beloved Wessex—the son of the late Thomas and Jennim Hardy. He was educated at local schools and King's College, London, and was a pupil of John Hicks, ecclesiastical architect from 1856 to 1861. He came to London in 1862 and worked at Gothic architecture under Sir A. Blomfield, A.R.A., and was prizeman of the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1869.

Hardy started writing verse in 1860 but eight years or so later gave it up in favour of prose, returning to his first fancy, as we all know, but a few years ago when his fame as a novelist was assured.

He was twice married, his widow being Florence Emily, daughter of Edward Dugdale, the author of books for children. In 1910 he was awarded the Order of Merit and holds the Gold Medal of the Royal Society of Literature.

HIS LIFE'S WORK.

His Work.

He has never courted popularity, and by remaining faithful to his Wessex as the habitation for himself as well as for his novels he has avoided the contact of the cliques and the temptation that the clique creates to divorce literature from the fabric of life itself and to entangle it in dangerous liaisons with isms and ologies and theories of this and that. Many a little mankin of letters has managed to get himself more discussed than Mr. Hardy, who in his Dorchester home has kept the lion-hunter at the door and has never been accustomed to give utterance except when he had something to say. In all that Mr. Hardy has written he has carried forward the tradition of a realistic approach to the institutions which man has moulded so powerfully that they are only too capable of moulding him. Be the object under view a dynast or a dynamo, Mr. Hardy will be thinking in

The following sketch by a writer in the English "Review of Reviews" appeared a year or so ago and provides a comprehensive guide to the famous author's works:—

Mr. Hardy is an old man. But he is still a worker. In many a newspaper and magazine one may any day find a poem by him; and he has just issued a new volume of poems—the sixth since, at the age of 58, having already made his fame as a novelist, he first appeared before the world as a poet. Poetry was his first love, but when he was 27 years old he gave up poetry for fiction; to return to his first love when his work as a novelist was accomplished. Some of his admirers are of opinion that, like his great contemporary, George Meredith, Hardy has done his finest work, and given the clearest expression of the most intimate truth of his mind and nature, not in his novels but in his poetry. Be that as it may, the way to Hardy's poetry lies through his novels. And even if he had written no lyrical poems and never planned and carried out the vast, various and monumental epic-drama of the Napoleonic war in particular and of all life in general, "The Dynasts" without these the novels would be enough for the fame of any one man.

In number they are fourteen, not counting three volumes of short stories. The earliest novel was published in 1871, the last in 1897. Thomas Hardy, like many another young writer, began by paying a great deal of attention to plot; and since his experience of life, when he was 27, was naturally not so profound as it became later, we find that in his first novel, "Desperate Remedies," the plot is better worked out than are the characters. It has, indeed, a very ingenious and exciting plot, constructed after a new fashion; and, though the characters are by no means mere puppets but real people, whose natures foreshadow the greater work that Hardy was to do later, it is the plot which gives the book its peculiar quality of interest. For that reason though it is a book worth reading, it is not a book which it is necessary to read in order to understand and appreciate adequately Hardy's genius.

If I were asked for advice by someone who wanted to know Hardy's novels, but had not the leisure to make a special study of them, I should call attention to the three divisions under which the author himself has classified his works of fiction.

First there are the "Novels of Ingenuity," next the "Romances and Fantasies," and third the "Novels of Character and Environment." The first division, "Novels of Ingenuity," includes "Desperate Remedies," "The Hand of Ethelberta," and "A Laodicean," and all three might, perhaps, be left over until some of the others have been read, be-

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as Dean of St. John's Cath-
edral and Archdeacon of Hong
Kong, and the Rev. Mok Shau-
tsang, Incumbent of the Church of
Our Saviour, Canton, as Arch-
deacon of Canton, will take place
at Evensong on January 12, at 5.45
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A. and Mrs. Swann will be held in
the Cathedral Hall at 4.30 the same
afternoon.

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dial invitation to all interested in
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1928, at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the
Directors together with a Statement
of Accounts for the year ending
31st December, 1927.

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THURSDAY, 9th February, both
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Hong Kong, 10th January, 1928.

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MACAO NOTES.

DEATH OF PORTUGUESE ADMINISTRATOR.

THE NEW HOTEL.

Macao, Jan. 9.
The death has taken place in
Lisbon of Commander Joao Belo,
D.S.O. Minister for the Colonies in
the Portuguese Ministry. The late
Commander Joao Belo had a most
distinguished career in the Portu-
guese Navy, and for twenty-nine
years, or service at Mozambique,
rendered his country invaluable ser-
vice in many ways. For his able
service he was decorated by his
country on many occasions and
from the British Government he
received the Distinguished Service
Order.

Born at Tomar on September 27,
1876, he entered the Portuguese
Navy in 1893, from which date his
promotion was rapid. His excep-
tional ability for administrative
services led to his appointment in
the Mozambique on many councils
and in particular in his work there
reflected in the establishment and
organisation of the Railway Line of
the Limpopo, and in the establish-
ment along the shores of Portu-
guese East Africa, for 1,000 miles
of coast line, of the splendid system
of lighthouse and beacons which
may be seen there to-day.

Later, as Chief of the Portuguese
Naval Service, he displayed his
powers as administrator to such
extent, that after the assumption
of the Military Government to
power, he was invited in July, 1925,
to take up the portfolio of Minis-
ter for the Colonies. His work in
this important office was untiring
and the introduction of many re-
forms in the Portuguese colonial
system and the establishment of
much notable legislation have been
reflected in marked prosperity in
all the Portuguese colonies during
the year just past.

By the Portuguese he will be
remembered as one of the most dis-
tinguished Ministers for the
Colonies, and as such his name will
be revered by his people for many
years to come.

Honour For Police.

A ceremony of exceptional inter-
est took place at Macao on New
Year's Day, in the morning. A
flag, as colours for the force, was
blessed and handed to the Macao
Police Force from a number of per-
sons and Macao Business establish-
ments as a mark of appreciation
for the splendid record of service
rendered by that fine body of men
for many years, public recognition
of the magnificent work done in
the public interest and it is note-
worthy that since the force was
brought up to its present state of
efficiency, some years ago, there
has been practically a complete
absence of serious crime.

The ceremony of blessing the
colours was carried out by His
Lordship Dom José da Costa
Nunes, Bishop of Macao, after
which the flag was handed to the
Commissioner of the Macao Police
Force by His Excellency the
Governor, Senhor Artur Tamagnini
de Sousa Barbosa, who addressed a
few congratulatory words to the
Commissioner. Captain Jose
Guerreiro de Andrade. The Presi-
dent of the Municipal Council, Mr.
Damiao Rodrigues also spoke.
Captain Andrade on behalf of the
Macao Police replied suitably.

Under command of Captain
Frederico Tamagnini de Sousa
Barbosa, Chief of the Police Ser-
vices, the police then marched away
with the new colours, to the ac-
companiment of musical marches
played by the Macao Constabulary
Band. The flag which is made of
silk is heavily embroidered in silk
and gold brocade, the work of the
Sisters of the Canossian Institute
at Macao.

Hotel Riviera.

With the opening of the Hotel
Riviera on January 15, 1928, Macao
will be in the proud position of
having one of the finest hotels in
South China. This hotel owes its
inception to the energy of the late
Mr. Loo Lim-yok, whose interest in
public welfare prompted him to
plan this hotel in the very modern
manner in which it is being fitted
out. At his death the work was
carried on by his brother, Mr. Loo
Huen-cheong, with the expert ad-
vice of Mr. J. P. Bourne, of the
Hong Kong Hotel.

The Hong Kong architects,
Messrs. Palmer and Turner, ex-
ecuted the plans for the remodelled
hotel, and most of the decoration
was entrusted to Messrs. Lane,
Crawford, Ltd., of Hong Kong. No
expense has been spared to make
this hotel modern in every way,
and the installations, including in-
dividual baths for each room are
among the modern equipment fitted
in.

All the electrical fittings are im-
ported, the cutlery and silverware
are from Messrs. Lane, Crawford,
Ltd., while the linen and crockery
have been purchased from Messrs.
Albert Pick and Co. of Chicago.

On the ground floor are situated
a lounge and the dining room, both
fitted out with the latest con-
veniences, and furniture of the
latest design. In the lobby the

SHANTUNG INVADED

NATIONALISTS OCCUPY HANCHWANG.

FATE OF TSINING.

Peking, Dec. 24.
It is reported in Shanghai that
the vanguards of the Nationalist
forces have penetrated as far as
Lincheng and that Hanchwang
was occupied by them on December
20. One Shantung army is report-
ed to have been annihilated in the
fighting.

While no confirmation of these
movements is available in Peking
a significant fact is that the
Japanese cruiser "Magara" with
200 marines on board has gone to
Taigtau and visitors arriving here
from Tsingtau state that some days
ago they were advised not to travel
to Peking via Tsinan as railway
traffic between Tsinan and Tientsin
might at any time be stopped.

Other Shanghai messages state
that the railway from Pukow to
Haichowfu was opened for public
traffic on December 17 and in a few
days it is hoped to open it as far
as Lincheng.

Defeated troops from Haichow
have been arriving by Junk in
Tsinang and have been transport-
ed to Tsinanfu.

General Ho Ying-ching, who has
been in charge of the anti-north
drive has returned to Nanking from
Haichowfu to report on the situa-
tion.

Reports regarding the city of
Tsinang are very conflicting. The
"Shantung Shih Pao" for the second
time reports that the troops of
Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang occupied
the city on December 23 following
an attack launched on December 22.

Government circles deny this as
a fabrication, basing their denial
upon a telegram from Marshal
Chang Tsung-chang dated Decem-
ber 23 which states that on that
day the city was still in Chihli-
Shantung hands.

As a result of the Premier's visit
to Shantung it is stated that it
has been decided to take measures
for the defence of the province. Mar-
shal Chang Tsung-chang and Sun
Chuan-fang will remain in Tsinan-
fu while troops under their direc-
tion will be massed in the south
near Lincheng, in the west near
Tsinang and Tsaichow and in the
north at Tehchow. General Chu
Yu-pu is to remain at Tehchow.

Meantime Marshal Chang has sent
to the Generalissimo asking for
funds and further troops to protect
the province.

It is unofficially stated that fol-
lowing this and the Premier's re-
port the Generalissimo decided to
despatch money to Shantung to
meet military expenses.—Reuter.

Peking, Dec. 24.
Tsinang is still in the hands of
the Shantung army despite re-
ports in one of the vernacular
papers this morning that the Kuom-
inchun had taken the city on
Friday morning. The fighting in
that part of the province during
the last few days is described as be-
ing of the most sanguinary charac-
ter.

It is stated in authoritative foreign
circles that upon the fate of Tsin-
g will depend whether Japan will
send troops to Shantung or not. If
the Kuominchun takes that district,
the Tokyo government will despatch
troops to Tsingtau and Tsinan for
the protection of Japanese residents
in the province.

General Chu Yu-pu left for
Tsinan early this morning. General
Chu is accompanied by General
Wang Chi, commandant of the local
gendarmes, who went to Tientsin
on Friday. It is understood that
after a conference with General
Chang Tsung-chang, General Chu
will go to Tsinang to take charge
of the operations against the Kuom-
inchun.

The "Shun Tien Shih Pao" quotes
a military strategist as saying that
the battle for Tsinang will decide
the ultimate fate of Shantung and
possibly North China. With Tsin-
g in the hands of the south it
will be difficult for General Sun
Chuan-fang to hold Hanchwang
and Taierchwang on the Tientsin-
Pukow railway.

The government is now trying
its best to raise funds for the main-
tenance of the Shantung army.
Dictator Chang also has ordered
the Mukden arsenal to work at full
capacity and to rush arms and
munitions to Shantung.—"Kuo
Wen."

A widespread espionage organisa-
tion was discovered at Riga. Many
arrests were made. Details have
not yet been published.

chairs are of Italian origin. One
room which will be of interest to
visitors is the Oriental Room,
finished in lacquer and furnish-
ed in blackwood, and decorated
with rare Chinese curios.
The rates in this hotel will com-
pare favourably with any similar-
ly equipped hotel in the East, and
an orchestra for dinner and tea
dances has been engaged from
Manila.—Contributed.

STAGE "SWEARS."

"ATTACK THE EVIL, NOT THE MIRROR."

WEST END PLAYS.

The Lord Chamberlain has just
received another deputation from
those who are concerned about
the increasing use of coarse and
profane language on the West
End stage, and the Bishop of
London is to have an interview
with the Lord Chamberlain to
discuss the matter fully.

Their chief objection is to what
they believe is the increasing use
of the name of the Deity.

"The fault, if there be any,"
said Sir Gerald du Maurier,
"must lie with ordinary life and
not with the stage."

No Worse Than Before.
"I have not thought that the
stage is worse than it used to be.
Language is certainly not so
coarse as it was on the Restoration
stage. Personally, my practice
is to cut out words which are
customarily regarded as profane."

But anyone who has known
anything of London during the
last dozen years or so must know
how very much less restrained
ordinary language is.

The name of the Deity has
become a common ejaculation.
In New York they use a name
which in London would be regard-
ed as much nearer blasphemy.

"The change is most marked
among young women."

"One may hear among young
women in quite decent society the
word introduced to the stage by
Bernard Shaw and Mrs. Patrick
Campbell."

What A Woman Said.

"I have myself heard a quite
ordinary young woman call a man
a name that, before the war, you
would have expected only from a
sailor in a bombardment."

"I have heard them use equally
coarse language between them-
selves—and it all seems to mean
very little."

"The stage only reflects this
undeniable tendency in modern
life."

"It seems rather inadequate to
attack the reflection of the sup-
posed evil instead of concentrat-
ing on the evil itself."

JAIL FOR YOUTH.

SIX YEARS FOR JEWEL ROBBERY.

Manila, Jan. 7.
Cayetano Garcia, house boy of
Resident Commissioner Isaura
Gabalidon, who robbed Mrs.
Gabalidon of jewellery valued at
P86,100, this morning was given a
prison term of six years by Judge
S. del Rosario. The youthful cul-
prit pleaded guilty when he was
arraigned yesterday.

On December 26, Mrs. Gabalidon
discovered the disappearance of her
valuable jewellery. The bulk of
the loot was later recovered at
Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija, and
some found in a pawn shop.



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nurses? Listen to the following
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her ladyship, and the nurses,
pretty, ugly, and otherwise.

Sir Blank was seriously ill at his
country seat. The doctor looked
grave. It meant an operation. A
great surgeon from town must per-
form it. A nurse must be secured
in the meantime. It was a simple
thing to ring up a local nursing in-
stitution and ask for one. She
came. She was surpassingly beau-
tiful.

Lady Blank was startled as the
vision of loveliness stood before
her. A loquacious was haughtily
raised. The nurse knew that she
was being "stock-taken."

Not for long. It took Lady
Blank just five seconds to arrive at
a decision.

"I think," she said, "there has
been some mistake. Sir Blank's
case requires an older, more ex-
perienced nurse."

"I am afraid I must ask you to
return. I will explain to the
matron."

Half an hour later another taxi-
cab came up the drive. A fresh
nurse stepped out.

The newcomer was heartily wel-
comed by Lady Blank. She was
"just the thing." In ten minutes
she was introduced to the sick-
room.

Sir Blank was in pain, but the
groan he uttered when he saw his
nurse was not entirely caused by
physical agony. He writhed.

"Send her away," he moaned. "I
cannot bear the sight of her."

The nurse never entered his
room again. A message was put
through to the surgeon who was to
come from London for the opera-
tion asking him to bring a nurse
with him.

This he did, a woman who proved
a splendid compromise. A "faultily
faulless, icily regular, splendidly
null" person, whose personal ap-
pearance neither aided nor hindered
recovery.

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TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

Wai Shing (1,170) British, from Swatow.—Jardine's—4 passengers, 332 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 360 tons general (through).
Hupeh (1,205) British, from Canton.—B. & S.—225 tons general cargo (through).
Teau (1,351) British, from Hong Kong.—B. & S.—75 passengers, 1,542 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 56½ tons general (through).
Tijpanas (2,775) Dutch, from Manila.—J. C. L.—2 passengers, 1,100 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,995 tons general (through).
Michael Jebson (1,372) Danish, from Koshichang.—Chiu Seng Hong.—13 passengers, 2,000 tons rice for Hong Kong, 905 tons rice (through).
Havdror (713) Norwegian, from Koshichang.—Larsen & Co.—10 passengers, 1,700 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Nishin Maru (1,402) Japanese, from Keelung.—M. B. K.—20 tons general cargo (through).
Hung On (2,097) Chinese, from Camfa Port.—Wing Hong & Co.—2,900 tons coal for Hong Kong, 1,400 tons coal (through).
Tak Hing (101) Chinese, from Macao.—Hoo Hing Co.—75 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.
Departures.
For Farang Bay.—Phranang.
For Macao.—Tak Hing.
For Bangkok.—Shima Maru.
For Swatow.—Hupeh, Silestan.
For Wakanratsu.—Mandasan Maru.
For Batavia.—Tijmanock.
For Singapore.—Hosang.
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For Swatow.—Deli Maru.
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SUBMARINE VICTIMS.

DEATHS ABSOLUTELY PAINLESS.

Province Town (Massachusetts), Yesterday.
Six more bodies have been recovered from submarine S4, making a total of 23.
At the Naval Court of Inquiry in Boston doctors gave evidence that the deaths of the crew were due to carbon monoxide poisoning and were absolutely painless.—Reuter's American Service.
15 More Bodies.
Province Town, later.
The divers have recovered other 15 bodies from S4.—Reuter's American Service.

F.M.S. CUSTOMS.

FLEET OPERATIONS IN DUTCH WATERS?

IN CAMERA.

From Dutch sources we learn, says the "Straits Echo" (Penang), that the inquiry held at Kuala Lumpur concerning the allegation that the F.M.S. Customs Fleet had conducted operations in Dutch water has been concluded.
This inquiry was held in camera, at the Council Chamber, and was presided over by Sir Henry Gompertz, Chief Justice, F.M.S. A representative of the Dutch Government was present and the Legal Adviser, F.M.S., conducted the case for the Dutch Government at the inquiry.
The allegations, we hear from our Dutch source (continues our contemporary), were that certain vessels belonging to the F.M.S. Government had operated within the three-mile limit off the Sumatra coast, and that some members of the fleet had even landed on Dutch territory in the course of these operations.
The commanders of the vessels concerned were represented by Mr. F. B. Ivens, the well-known member of the F.M.S. Bar.
The Penang paper adds that it understands that the Chief Justice found that there had been irregularities.

U. S. SHIPPING.

PRESIDENT AND SALE OF STEAMERS.

Washington, Yesterday.
Talking to Press men, President Coolidge referred to the Jones Bill, and expressed the opinion that the United States Government should not build any more merchantmen, as the Government had more vessels than they can use.
Any Government body, such as a private corporation, would always encounter a great difficulty and heavy financial loss in an attempt to operate shipping.
Therefore, the sale of Government-owned ships should not be held up or restricted as in the proposed Bill. President Coolidge was of opinion that private ownership with merchantmen under the American flag was only obtainable with Government assistance in the shape of mail contracts and possibly some provision for the crews.—Reuter's American Service.

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LINER'S PLIGHT.

STRANDED IN THE MERSEY.

TOTAL WRECK FEARED.

Liverpool, Nov. 30.
There were some exciting moments for the crew of sixty-seven and five passengers of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company's liner "Lochmonar," when the vessel ran on to the revetment near the mouth of the River Mersey in the early hours. She went aground near the Crosby Lightship and remains hard and fast, despite attempts to refloat her.

A boat of 9,303 tons, built in 1924, the liner was on a voyage from Seattle to Liverpool, London, and Rotterdam, carrying a cargo of dried Christmas fruits. She should have arrived in the Mersey two days ago, but was delayed by bad weather. At 2.25 a.m. Seaford wireless station received the following message: "Ashore on the revetment North Crosby Lightship. Require assistance at once. Flares were also sent up from the vessel. When the Alexandra Towing Company's tug "Blockhurst" arrived on the scene, followed by the New Brighton lifeboat, the liner's lifeboats had been swung outwards. At seven o'clock it was feared that the "Lochmonar" would break her back, and it was decided to transfer the passengers along with the firemen and stewards and the mails and baggage. The passengers, crew, and luggage were taken on board the New Brighton lifeboat, and transferred to the "Blockhurst." They were landed an hour later.

A special corps of dock labourers went on the ship to remove cases of cargo from the forward holds with a view of lightening that portion of the ship that had passed over the wall. Hopes were entertained that it would be possible to refloat her on the afternoon tide. She had run on to the wall stem first, and the forepart appeared to be above the wall itself. When the tide was at its full height and the fog had lifted, six tugs were stationed at her stern, all with powerful hawsers. They hung on waiting for the signal to pull, but when the signal was given there was no response, the ship remaining hard and fast.

The evening tide will be lower, but there is little hope of moving her, and it is probable she will now break her back and become a total wreck, the fate of several other vessels in this very spot.

FERRY DISASTER.

WRIT AGAINST OWNERS OF STEAMER.

Sydney, Yesterday.
The Sydney Ferries have issued a writ against the owners of the s.s. "Tahiti," claiming £30,000 for the destruction of the ferry steamer "Graycliff."
The suit follows the Court of Enquiry's finding that the "Tahiti's" speed was excessive, and an approximate cause of the accident was the liner's failure to observe the harbour regulations.
The liner's owners are also sued by the widow of one of the victims who is claiming £5,000 as compensation. Other claims are expected.—Reuter.

[Sydney telegrams, dated November 3 and 4, stated:—The "Tahiti" struck a ferry boat amidships, and the latter sank in three minutes in a cloud of steam, leaving about 150 persons, including many school children, struggling in the water. The casualties in the ferry boat disaster, so far, total 83.]

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MENADO MARU Tuesday, 17th January, 10 a.m.
TAIKWA MARU Tuesday, 31st January, 10 a.m.
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JAPAN PORTS
AMAZON MARU Saturday, 14th January.
INDO MARU Sunday, 15th January.
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WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on January 1, 1928.—CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1926	1927
Tytam 13' 8" B	12' 8" B	12' 8" B
Tytam Byewash 25' 4" B	25' 4" B	25' 4" B
Tytam Intermediate Level 12' 11" B	12' 11" B	12' 11" B
Tytam Tuk 15' 2" B	15' 2" B	15' 2" B
Wong Nei Chung 17' 11" B	17' 11" B	17' 11" B
Pokfulum 17' 11" B	17' 11" B	17' 11" B

(Note: B. denotes "Below-Overflow". A denotes "Above Overflow".)

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1927	1928
Tytam 276.76	276.76	276.76
Tytam Byewash 50	50	50
Tytam Intermediate 121.75	121.75	121.75
Tytam Tuk 18.58	18.58	18.58
Wong Nei Chung 23.36	23.36	23.36
Pokfulum 23.36	23.36	23.36

Total 1,039.91 1,448.25

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1926	1927
Consumption 244.29	271.83	271.83
Estimated population 407,820	417,840	417,840
Consumption per head per day 19.3	20.9	20.9

Full Supply in all Rides Main Districts during December, 1928, with the exception of the districts West

of Eastern Street where an Intermitent Supply was given from 4th to 31st December, 1928.

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KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir 7' 0" B	7' 4" B	7' 4" B
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir 0' 7" B	1' 1" B	1' 1" B
Reception Reservoir 8' 4" B	2' 3" B	2' 3" B

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir 283.50	280.42	280.42
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir 98.40	98.40	98.40
Reception Reservoir 24.55	27.24	27.24
Total 406.45	406.06	406.06

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1926	1927
Consumption 74.85	88.63	88.63
Estimated population 153,140	153,190	153,190
per day 15.3	17.4	17.4

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MALWA	10,986	4th Feb.	Marseilles & London
KHYBER	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	9,834	25th Feb.	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles & London
*KHIVA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KARMALA	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
*KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KONGOLIA	10,934	14th Apr.	Marseilles & London
MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	15th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Marseilles & London
DEVANHA	8,165	9th June	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	23rd June	Marseilles & London

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TAKADA	9,940	21st Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KHYBER	9,114	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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KONGOLIA	10,934	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MANTUA	10,946	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ST. ALBANS	4,509	6th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
*LAHORE	5,252	12th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KONGOLIA	10,953	17th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MOREA	10,986	20th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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HAICHOW TEN MILES INLAND FROM LUNG HAI.

Tsingtao, Dec. 23.

The suggestion, that Feng Yu-hsiang's objective was really Haichow in order to establish sea connections for the import of munitions makes a survey of the possibilities of that port of considerable interest. The term "Port of Haichow" is inaccurate for the city of Haichow is located on a large tidal stream more than twenty miles inland. This stream, commonly called the Haichow River runs into the Haichow Bay and is navigable for junks for about forty miles of its length.

The original plans of the Lung Hai railway were to find a terminal twenty-five miles east of Haichow, where an artificial harbour was to be created by the erection of a causeway across a strait to a large island. Owing to financial shortage this plan was not carried out and a temporary harbour was made at a little place called Da Pu, about half way between Haichow and the sea on the east bank of the river. Here there has developed an enormous junk and small steamer trade, limited only by the capacity of the railway to furnish cargo, which in turn has been limited by the demands of the military for rolling stock.

There is a good depth in the river itself but like most China streams the bar at its mouth offers an insuperable obstacle to larger vessels. Steamer of more than three hundred tons burden have practically abandoned trips, owing to the long delays from sticking in the mud of the bar. There is, however, a fairly comfortable anchorage for large vessels some ten miles from the river's mouth and it is the custom of salt steamers to anchor there and have their cargo brought out by a fleet of junks.

Very few maps show how far in the Haichow Bay extends. The course usually taken by ships from Tsingtao to Shanghai passes more than a hundred miles from Haichow. Indeed, strange as it may seem a ship passing from Tsingtao to Shanghai is nearer Haichow when she starts than at any other point in her voyage.

From Tsingtao to Da Pu, the terminus of the Lung Hai Railway, is 110 miles, and Haichow is ten miles further inland.

Da Pu is 125 miles from Hsuehchow. The Lung Hai was never really completed east of Hsuehchow. Funds were exhausted by the time the rails reached the Grand Canal, 46 miles east. From there on the line was financed by fragmentary borrowings and it was impossible to do the work properly. Ballasting was sparse and after the road bed settled there was not enough money to even it up. So twelve miles an hour was about the maximum speed possible.

The severe damage done by the floods of 1926 has never been repaired and another wet summer will certainly see it become completely impassable. "Peking and Tientsin Times."

WESTERN ISLES.

THREE NEW VESSELS TO BE BUILT.

The announcement of important improvements in the steamer services to and from the Western Isles is contained in a printed answer to a question in the House of Commons.

Mr. Mackenzie Livingston (Western Isles—L.) asked the Secretary of State for Scotland when improvements in the steamer services to and from the Western Isles would be in operation.

The Lord Advocate.—As a result of the negotiations which have taken place with Messrs. David MacBrayne (Limited) since the expiry of the last contract, the company have agreed as a condition of a new contract to build immediately two new boats for the Stornoway and Outer Islands services. It is intended that the Stornoway boat should be capable of maintaining a speed of 12 knots in moderately bad weather, and should be somewhat larger than the Sheila, which formerly ran on this service, thus providing improved accommodation for passengers.

The second new boat will be similar to the Sheila, which, if she had not been lost, would have been transferred on completion of the new Stornoway boat to the Outer Islands service. The Plover, now working on the Outer Islands run, will be transferred to the Inner Islands service in place of the Cygnet.

These replacements will, in the Government's view, effect marked improvements in each of these services, but it has also been agreed that within five years at latest, and possibly within three years, a third new boat shall be built to replace the Plover.

The question of freight charges has also been discussed with the company, who propose to make a reduction of 12 1/2 per cent on all inward traffic, excepting whisky, and in some cases live stock. In consideration that the company are prepared to carry out these substantial improvements at the existing rate of subsidy, the Government have agreed to enter into a contract with them covering a period of five years from the 1st inst. The contract is being prepared with all expedition, and my right honourable friend hopes that it may be possible to arrange for the two new boats to be in commission next year.

UNAVAILING.

ENGINEER GIVES LIFE FOR PASSENGER.

A story of the self-sacrifice of a Liverpool marine engineer who gave his life for a passenger was unfolded on Nov. 28 at the Liverpool Town Hall, when the Lord Mayor (Miss Margaret Bevan) presented to Mrs. Gobbi, of 37, Ferguson Road, West Derby, Liverpool, mother of Mr. J. C. Gobbi, who was an engineer on the P. & O. steamer "Narkunda," an "In Memoriam" bronze medal and certificate awarded by the Royal Humane Society for Mr. Gobbi's gallantry in jumping overboard from the steamer on August 29, while in the Mediterranean. Mrs. Gobbi and a number of friends were present together with Messrs. J. R. Grant, J. C. McCallum, W. A. Cattle, S. N. Lee, E. T. Timperley, and A. McMillan (representing the P. & O. Steam Navigation Co.), Mr. John McNaught (president) and Mr. W. A. Bryce (secretary), representing the Liverpool branch of the Marine Engineers' Association.

Mr. Grant said on August 29 last, when the P. & O. steamer "Narkunda" was at sea near Gibraltar, Mr. Gobbi, one of the Company's engineers, jumped into the sea in an attempt to rescue a passenger (Mr. J. Stewart), who had gone overboard. Unfortunately, he was not successful, and both Mr. Gobbi and the passenger were drowned. Mr. Gobbi's body not being recovered. Mr. Gobbi by his gallant attempt thus maintained the highest traditions of the Mercantile Marine, and the Royal Humane Society, to mark their appreciation of his heroic conduct, have awarded the Society's bronze medal and certificate to his mother. The Royal Humane Society expressed the wish that the presentation should be made in the most fitting and suitable manner, and they (Messrs. Escombe, McGrath and Co.), as the Liverpool representatives of the P. & O. Co., felt that the Lord Mayor should be asked to do this on their behalf. They thanked the Lord Mayor on behalf of all concerned, for her kindness in consenting to make the presentation.

Spirit of Unselfish Service.

The Lord Mayor said it afforded her great pride, as the chief magistrate of the city, to make the presentation. It was not an occasion for much speech. It was a trying occasion for the mother of that gallant boy, but there was one thing that they must say, and it was this; that it was such gallant deeds as that which Mr. Gobbi performed which built up their Empire, and she would say to his mother for her comfort that although she must be a sorrowing woman there must be now and always a very great pride. It was the mothers who made the sons, and as the mother is so will the children be. That gallant deed reflected upon the parents, and she, the Lord Mayor, congratulated them that they had been able to instill into the heart of their boy that wonderful idea of unselfish service. Service was the best thing in the world, but there were very few of them who would lay down their lives for others as that young man had done. His memory was a proud memory for his city, and must always be a proud memory for his parents and those associated with him. It was now her pride, on behalf of the Royal Humane Society to present the certificate and medal. On behalf of the City of Liverpool, as chief magistrate of the city, she desired to place on record her heartfelt admiration for such noble and gallant conduct.

Mr. McNaught, on behalf of the members of the Marine Engineers' Association, thanked the Lord Mayor for her very kindly act. It was very sad to realise that in his endeavours to save the life of another his gallant and esteemed colleague had lost his own life. It must be very sad indeed for his mother, but they trusted that she would find consolation in the fact that due recognition had been made of this brave deed, and that award would be enhanced by the very kindly act the Lord Mayor had just performed.

At the conclusion of the presentation the Lord Mayor conducted Mrs. Gobbi over the war memorial of the Town Hall.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The M.V. "Delhi" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Rotterdam on December 6 and is due here tomorrow.

The B. I. s.s. "Takliwa" will leave Amoy for this port to-day at p.m., and is due here tomorrow evening. The P. & O. s.s. "Nellore" left Singapore for this port on January 10 at 8 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on January 15 at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Japan ports and Shanghai, on December 31, and is due here on January 19.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" (Capt. A. J. Haller, R.N.R.) will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on January 23.

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THIRTEEN RESCUES.

SCHOONER'S CREW PULLED INTO BOAT.

The British schooner "Gauntlet," bound from Charleston, Cornwall, to Kircaldy, with a cargo of clay, sprung a leak during a heavy gale and made water rapidly. The crew had been at the pumps for 38 hours, when her signals of distress were observed by the "Teosider," which stood by for three hours, which steamed then lowered a boat, which was rowed to the schooner. Only one of the four men on board had enough strength left to jump into the boat. He dragged his comrades in, after which the boat was rowed back to the "Teosider."

Captain Hall, who was in command of the "Teosider," is a member of the Mercantile Marine Service Association, and resides in North Shields. He has thirteen rescues to his credit, one of which was referred to at Newcastle some months ago by Sir A. M. Sutherland when presenting the Royal Humane Society's Bronze Medal and Certificate to Captain Hall for saving the life of a member of his crew.

Sir Arthur, in making the presentation, said that on November 4 the "Cragside" was lying at Middlesbrough, when the donkeyman fell overboard between the ship's side and the quay. Captain Hall heard a shout whilst he was going to bed. He was dressed only in his pyjamas, but he rushed out of his cabin, immediately jumped overboard, and rescued the donkeyman.

"As you will see," proceeded Sir Arthur, "Captain Hall is only a little man, and Sullivan, the donkeyman, was a very tall, strong and robust man, and there was great danger of his dragging Captain Hall under the water, but through great resource and presence of mind, Captain Hall succeeded in keeping hold of Sullivan in such a way that he was able to drag him to a pile under the jetty, when the chief officer, who had brought a ladder to the side of the "Cragside," assisted in getting the man brought safely aboard the steamer.

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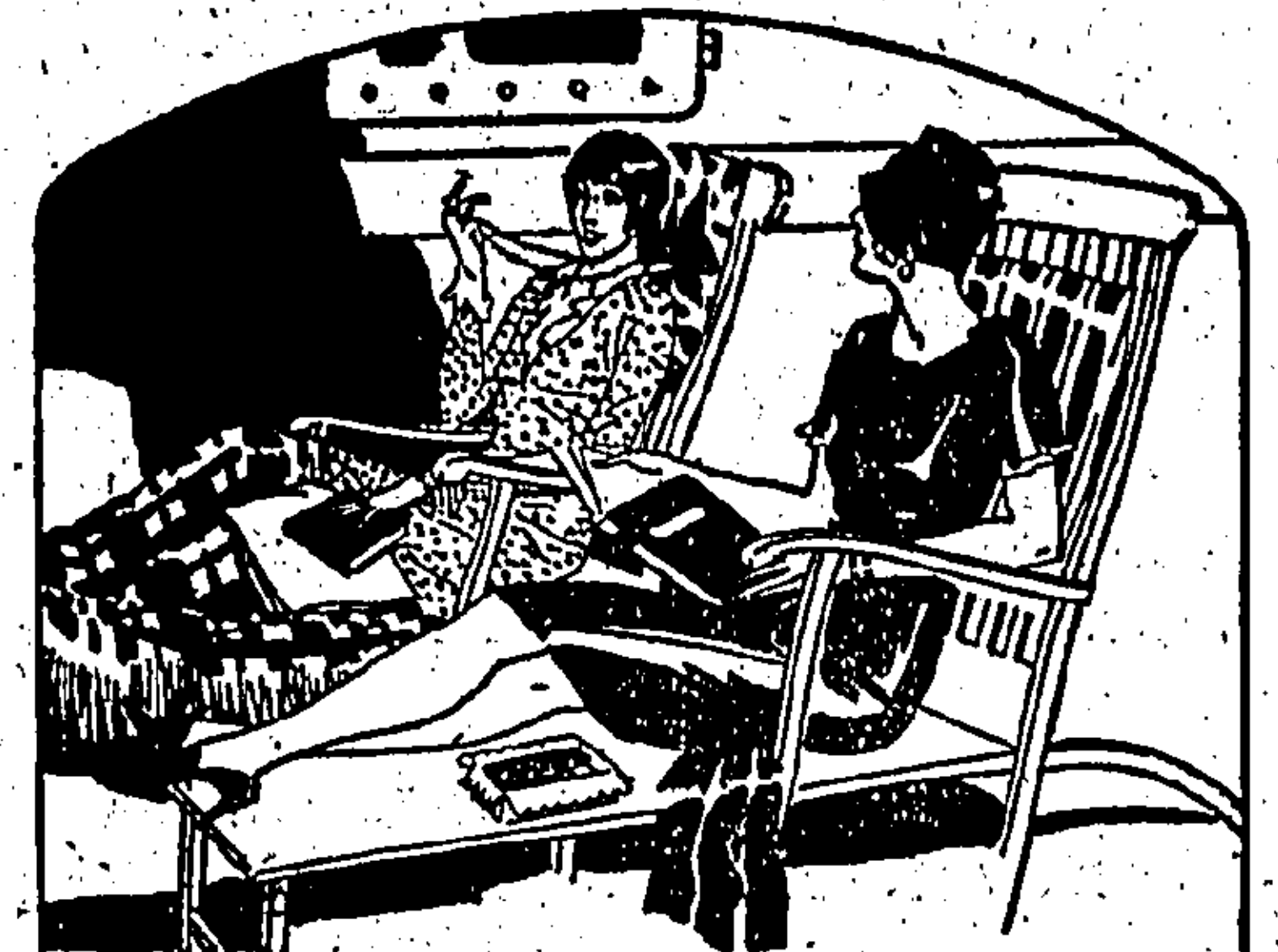
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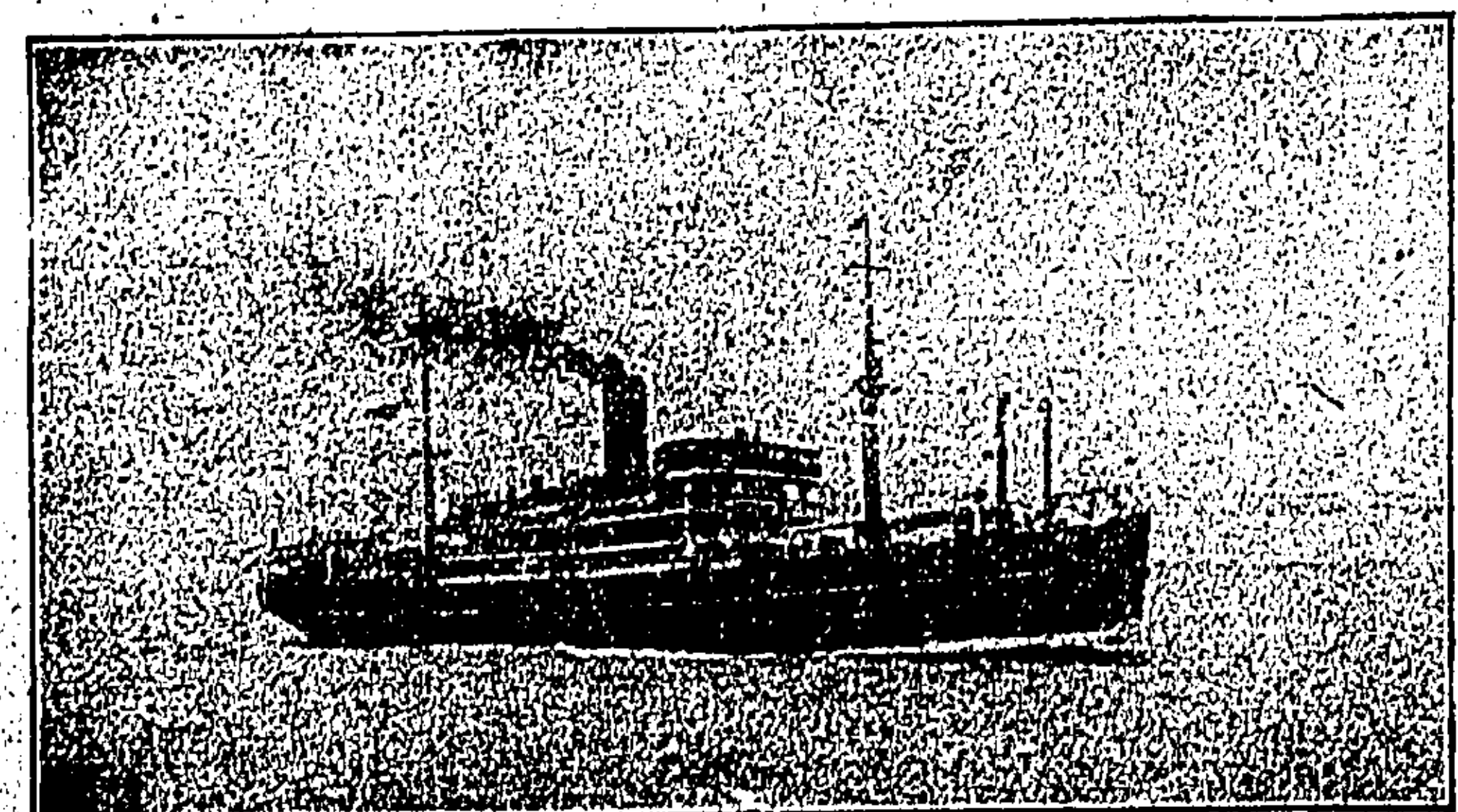
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BIAS BAY.

Interesting as was the report published a few days ago to the effect that a Japanese gunboat intended to visit Bias Bay on her way back from Hong Kong to Canton it must always be remembered, that direct responsibility for ridding this lair of its pirates lies with the Canton Government. Before General Li Chai-sum left Shanghai it was mooted that a scheme had actually been prepared in Canton for dealing with the pirates, but subsequent unfortunate developments prevented anything being done. Even now it must be admitted that General Li Chai-sum has not had time since his return—owing to many weighty political and military issues having to be settled as promptly as possible—to tackle the piracy problem. When, however, the city and the province do in reality settle down to a more peaceful era than they have hitherto been permitted to enjoy it will be surprising if something is not done to cope with the pirates not alone at Bias Bay but also in the West River and along the delta of the Canton and West Rivers. The importance of such a step will be appreciated by none more than Chinese shipping circles in view of the natural fact that as confidence returns to the province of Kwangtung Chinese shipping obtain a larger share of trade every day. Furthermore, in dealing with piracy, the Canton authorities are not likely to overlook the fact that the Chinese themselves are always the greatest victims of piracy and that their losses in goods alone—not to mention the much sadder loss in lives—must

amount in the course of one year only to a very considerable figure. Kwangtung may settle down to ways of peace and trade and shipping may in consequence increase, but of what avail will it be if every Chinese ship is to continue to run the risk of piracy on every voyage, if every junk in the delta dare not venture forth without the risk of being boarded by the bandits of the sea? There are considerable signs that General Li Chai-sum's regime will this time be much better consolidated than in the period preceding his departure for Shanghai. That being so, it is but reasonable to expect that the newly re-constituted administration will as speedily as circumstances permit tackle the piracy problem in real earnest. Merchants and shippers in Kwangtung are due protection from pirates and they cannot but look to their own Government to formulate a practicable scheme not only for coping with the pirates but eradicating them once and for all from their haunts in Bias Bay and the delta.

LAW'S DELAYS.

SICILIAN SECRET SOCIETY TRIAL
147 SENTENCED.

Rome, Yesterday. Judgment has, at last overtaken the Mafia, a notorious Sicilian secret society, after a three years' trial of 164 members at the Termini Mease in Northern Sicily. The jury, after deliberating for three days, found 147 of the accused guilty of crimes extending over very many years. Following the verdict, the public prosecutor demanded that seven of the accused be sentenced to life servitude, eight to thirty years' and the rest to between 5 and 25 years' imprisonment. Efforts to round-up the Society are recorded as far back as 1874. —Reuter.

Rome, Yesterday. The sentences at the Mafia trial were pronounced in accordance with the Public Prosecutor's demand except five who received short periods of imprisonment and seven acquittals. —Reuter.

NICARAGUA.

LOYALISTS VISIT THE REBELS.

New York, Yesterday. A telegram from Managua states that the loyal Nicaraguan National Guardsmen have regained control of Somatillo—Reuter's American Service.

The French Senate has passed the new naval building programme.

JUNIOR LOCALS.

EXAMINATION RESULTS ANNOUNCED.

THE PASS LIST.

The results of the Hong Kong University Junior Local Examinations were issued yesterday. Details:—

PASS LIST (BOYS).

St. Joseph's College.
No. 1, E. A. Abraham (Dist. English); 2, C. Barrios (Dist. English, Arithmetic and Spanish); 3, Chao Pao-yung (Dist. Arithmetic); 9, Chau Chu-wan (Dist. Arithmetic); 11, Cheung Shui-ling (Dist. Arithmetic); 12, M. Cheung Wing-yau; 13, Choa Wing-ki (Dist. Biblical Knowledge); 19, G. A. Gordon; 22, M. M. Gutierrez (Dist. Biblical Knowledge); 23, Ho Siu-um (Dist. Arithmetic, Physics, and Mathematics); 35, Leung Cheung-pak; 48, M. H. Murphy (Dist. English, Arithmetic, French, Physics and Mathematics); 58, Pang Kam-yung; 65, J. C. Quincey; 66, G. H. V. Ribeiro (Dist. Biblical Knowledge); 69, C. F. Rozario; 68, A. Thomas (Dist. English, Arithmetic, French and Mathematics); 70, C. Victor (Dist. Biblical Knowledge); 73, H. Wing Lee (Dist. Mathematics and Biblical Knowledge); 74, Woo Pak-chuen (Dist. Arithmetic, Physics and Mathematics); 79, C. M. Xavier (Dist. Biblical Knowledge); 81, J. M. Xavier; 631, Chin Su-hong.

Queen's College.

No. 84, M. A. Abbas (Dist. Arithmetic); 85, B. Ahmed (Dist. Arithmetic); 88, Chan Man-po; 89, Chan Po-ying (Dist. Physics); 98, Cheung King-chiu (Dist. Arithmetic and Physics); 99, Chiu Put-po (Dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics); 101, Chow Chi-hoi (Dist. Arithmetic); 102, Chow Ho-man (Dist. Mathematics); 103, Chow Koxik (Dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics); 104, Chu Yuen-chee; 105, Chung Shing-ho; 109, Fung Hing-kan (Dist. Arithmetic, Chemistry and Mathematics); 111, Fung Tin-yau (Dist. Arithmetic); 112, Ho Hung-chin (Dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics); 114, Ho Yan-chu; 115, D. Hunt (Dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics); 116, J. Hunt (Dist. Arithmetic, Mathematics and Book-keeping); 117, Ip Chiu-suen; 118, Ip Chu-lau; 124, Lai Chin-cheong; 125, Lai Koon-n; 126, Lau Shing-ki; 131, Leung Mo-shun (Dist. Arithmetic); 135, Leung Sik-wu; 137, Li Chung-hon (Dist. Mathematics); 138, Li Fuk-cho (Dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics); 140, Li Ka-tung (Dist. Arithmetic, Physics, Mathematics and Book-keeping); 141, Li Kai-ying (Dist. Physics and Mathematics); 142, Li Yung-wan; 143, Ling Kam-hon; 146, Lo Ho-lu (Dist. Arithmetic); 155, Ng Woo; 156, Ng Yee-sin; 161, Pang Yin-chan (Dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics); 164, H. Singh (Dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics); 166, So Kai-sang (Dist. Arithmetic, Physics and Mathematics); 170, Tam Yui-tsun (Dist. Mathematics); 172, Tse Kong-ku (Dist. Arithmetic, Physics, Mathematics and Mechanics); 176, Tsui Wai-sun; 177, Wat Hot-ki; 179, Wong Kam-ming (Dist. Arithmetic); 180, Wong Mung-fee (Dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics); 181, Wong Wing-hang (Dist. Mathematics); 182, Woo Yik-fan (Dist. Mathematics); 189, Yuen Yu-cheung.

Wah Yan College.

No. 200, Cheung Kam-chen (Dist. Book-keeping); 206, Cheung Wai-man (Dist. Mathematics and Book-keeping); 208, Chung Yan-wai; 212, Ho Kim-sam (Dist. Mathematics); 213, Ho Lok-tin; 216, Kwok Hung-cheung; 218, Lau Wook-ki; 220, Lau Ip-yuen (Dist. Mathematics); 221, Lee Cho-chi; 223, Lee Kwok-woo (Dist. Mathematics); 224, Lee Sheung-man (Dist. Biblical Knowledge); 227, Leung Kin-fan; 229, Leung Yun-chung (Dist. Mathematics); 232, Luk Kong-leung; 236, Ng Seng-kwan; 241, Fong Shing (Dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics); 242, Tse Chu-cheung (Dist. Arithmetic); 244, Un Shu-fan; 248, Wong Kam-shuen (Dist. Arithmetic, Book-keeping and Biblical Knowledge); 247, Wong On-lu; 249, Wong Siet-hung; 252, Wong Yau-tak; 253, Wong Yik-shu (Dist. Arithmetic, Book-keeping and Biblical Knowledge); 254, Yau Hok-kan; 255, Yew Man-lee.

St. Stephen's College.

No. 259, Chin Wong-fatt; 261, Chiu Po-hang; 266, Lee Lock; 270, Leung Tim-yuen; 271, Li Fun-wa; 272, Li Min-lung; 275, Ling Sung-kut (Dist. Arithmetic, Physics and Biblical Knowledge); 277, Ng Chak-kuan; 282, Wong Man-on; 283, Yeung See-keung.

Diocesan Boys' School.
No. 285, J. J. Channings; 286, Cheng Kwok-choi; 290, A. S. A. Kyum (Dist. Arithmetic); 291, Lee Jan-pit (Dist. Mathematics); 293, A. H. Moosabhooy; 294, A. T. Nomanbhoy (Dist. English, Physics and Mathematics); 296, W. A. Thomson (Dist. Arithmetic); 298, Wan Kailam (Dist. Arithmetic); 300, Wei Ching (Dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics); 303, Wong Kiu-lai; 305, B. Wong (Dist. English); 304, Yoo

Chia-foo (Dist. Mathematics and Mechanics).

St. Paul's College.
No. 306, Chan Kee-kwok; 307, Chan Yip-wing; 308, Cheung Chien (Dist. Arithmetic); 311, Chung Sung-to; 314, Lau Shiu-chung; 315, Lee Shiu-ying; 322, Tang Nai-chiu (Dist. Arithmetic); 323, Tse Wai-lam (Dist. Arithmetic and Mathematics).

Docks School.

No. 339, Liu On-tak (Dist. Arithmetic); 342, Yuen Wing-yi.
Tutorial Institute.
No. 344, Chan Chung-ok; 345, D. Chan; 347, Chan Yuk-ching; 349, Kan Lai-to (Dist. Arithmetic); 351, Lam Chit-leung; 357, Wong Ka-chie; 358, Wong Tsang-shu; 359, Wu Lok-cheun; 360, Tse Pak-ping (Dist. Arithmetic and Book-keeping).

Educational Institute.

No. 365, Leung Shiu-chung; 366, Li Fuk-fai (Dist. Arithmetic); 369, Wong Lan-kei.
Central British School.
No. 372, H. W. Brown (Dist. English); 375, D. A. Hynes (Dist. English); 378, A. C. Maycock; 379, A. Ureall (Dist. English and Biblical Knowledge); 380, R. H. A. Woolley (Dist. English and Biblical Knowledge).

Sacred Heart College.

No. 393, Tsang Koon-cook (Dist. Arithmetic and Biblical Knowledge); 394, Wong Tak-ye.
St. George's School.
No. 390, Chui Ping-kuen (Dist. Book-keeping).
Private Study.
No. 419, Kong Yue-kau; 426, Leung Wai-chung; 447, Tse Shu-ping; 453, Wong Yan-chiu.

PASS LIST (GIRLS).

St. Stephen's Girls' College.

No. 463, Au Yuet-hang; 465, Chan Shuk-hang (Dist. Music and Needlework); 466, Chan Yuk-sin (Dist. Needlework); 467, Chan Wai-lan; 468, Cheng Mei-hing; 469, Choy Oi-chee (Dist. History, Biblical Knowledge and Music); 470, Ho Hon-sum (Dist. Music); 471, Kwok Pui-chee; 472, Kwok Wai-fun (Dist. Needlework); 474, Lau Pui-yew; 478, Olga Surh; 480, Yeung Yuk-ming.

Diocesan Girls' School.

No. 481, E. L. Batalha; 482, E. D. Broadbridge; 483, M. Chan (Dist. Biblical Knowledge); 485, S. M. Jeffries; 486, E. B. Lang; 487, Emilie Lee Mong-kow; 488, Laura Lee Mong-kow; 489, B. MacAlush; 490, E. M. Sousa; 491, E. Wong; 492, M. Wong.

French Convent.

No. 494, A. M. T. Brondeau (Dist. Geography); 495, L. Chue (Dist. Biblical Knowledge); 497, S. Hong; 501, R. O. Pau (Dist. Biblical Knowledge).

Bellvue Public School.

No. 505, Fung Mui-king; 506, F. D. Gomes; 507, Ho Siu-hing; 508, Kwok Siu-ying; 511, Ng Po-ying; 512, B. A. Remedios; 513, C. E. Rodrigues; 514, Tse Tong-tai; 515, Wong Lai-wan.

Central British School.

No. 518, J. A. M. Black (Dist. English and Music); 520, M. L. W. Bryson; 521, B. Budder (Dist. English); 522, D. O. Dransfield; 524, E. A. Hosford; 525, E. McCubbin; 526, E. B. Mosses; 527, W. Reed.

Italian Convent.

No. 528, A. Albuquerque (Dist. Biblical Knowledge); 529, Cheung Yui-tin (Dist. Biblical Knowledge); 531, Mafalda Geng; 533, M. Rew; 534, May de la Sala; 535, Hercia da Silva; 536, Tam Bick-hing; 537, Annie Tse (Dist. Needlework); 539, Marie Vas; 540, Alice West.

St. Mary's School.

No. 541, Cynthia Alves (Dist. History and Biblical Knowledge); 542, Alda Britto; 543, Deolinda Gosano (Dist. Biblical Knowledge); 544, Alda Ng; 545, Isabel Pestonjee (Dist. Biblical Knowledge); 546, Betty Remedios (Dist. Biblical Knowledge); 547, Ines Savard Remedios; 548, Sara Remedios; 549, Carmen Ribeiro; 550, Elvira Rosario; 551, Olga Eca da Silva; 552, Wilhelmina Wong (Dist. Biblical Knowledge).

Ying Wa Girls' School.

No. 527, Lam Sul-sam (Dist. Biblical Knowledge); 528, Lo Sui-chai; 529, Woo Lai-yung (Dist. Mathematics, Biblical Knowledge and Needlework); 530, Wong Yuet-lan (Dist. Biblical Knowledge).

PRIVATE WEDDING.

REV. C. B. SHANN AND MISS B. DEWING.

The wedding took place privately this morning of the Rev. C. B. Shann and Miss B. Dewing. The Rev. P. Jenkins, from Canton, officiated.

As the happy couple had to leave immediately after the ceremony, a reception was held at Lane Crawford's Restaurant yesterday afternoon, and was attended by a gathering of over 200 friends and well-wishers.

Amongst those present were the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Miss K. T. Woo (St. Paul's Girls' College); Mr. Grose, Dr. T. W. Pearce, the Rev. P. Jenkins (Canton), the Rev. W. R. Cannell, the Rev. G. T. Stoddard, C.F., the Rev. N. V. Halward, the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, the Rev. J. Horace Johnston (Union Church), the Right Rev. Bishop Kowloon, and Mrs. Duppuy, Professors F. A. Redmond, W. J. Hinton, W. Field and R. K. M. Simpson, and many others.

P'RAP'S-P'RAP'S NOT!

Tuesday's discussion at the Sanitary Board was rather watery. A golf-ball has been discovered on a Scottish course after having been lost for twenty-five years. It is said that the owner is rapidly coming back to form in spite of his long absence from the game.

Elderly gentleman, to workman in tramcar who frequently takes nips from his bottle:—

"Do you know, my man, I never tasted spirits in my life?"

Working-man: "No, an' you ain't goin' to begin now, neither!"

The old gentleman's wife was getting into a carriage, and he neglected to assist him, "You are not so gallant, John, as when you were a boy," she exclaimed, in gentle rebuke.

"No," was the ready response, "and you are not so buoyant as when you were a gall!"

Murphy—Did ye hear that poor Tim Casey's dead?

O'Flaherty—Ye don't say so?

Murphy—Yes, an' 'e's left all 'e 'ad to the Derry Poorhouse.

O'Flaherty—Ow much did he leave?

Murphy—A wife an' ten children.

I thought it distinctly significant of the times to see on top of a bus the other day three Chinese ladies unaccompanied. One, the cicerone of the party, was smoking and evidently vastly amusing the other two by her comments on the passing sights, which she accompanied by eloquent gestures (says a "Daily Chronicle" writer). The animation of the little group attracted the amused attention of the other passengers, and the conductor, when talking the fares, could not resist his Cockney comment, "I'll tell Mr. Wun Lung of you!"

They had only been married a week, and were still away on their honeymoon, that disastrous time of awakening for both parties to the wedding contract.

"Now," thought she, "is the time to make my little confession, Darling," she whispered aloud, nestling closer against his shoulder, "I have a secret to tell."

"What is it, dear?" he demanded dotingly.

"Can you ever forgive me for deceiving you, dearest? My left eye"—she hesitated coyly for a moment, then took the plunge—"my left eye is made of glass."

"Oh," he murmured, with a sigh of relief, "don't say any more about it, dearest. So are the diamonds in your engagement ring!"

Queen Victoria of Spain is sometimes accompanied by one of her daughters on her shopping expeditions. Her refusal to be treated differently from other shoppers recently placed the Queen of Spain in a humorous position. After trying on a hat she asked if she could have it on approval. "Only if you have an account, madame," said the shop assistant, who had not recognised the Queen.

Turning to her companion, Her Majesty asked—"Have I an account here? I don't think I have." "No," said the lady-in-waiting, "but it can be put down to me." The assistant repeated that "Madame" could only have the hat if she had an account, and the Queen smilingly said she would not trouble, but would call again next day for the hat, a promise which she fulfilled.

The young man hesitatingly entered her father's presence. With a preliminary clearing of the throat and a nervous twitch of his fingers he said—

"I have come to ask you if I may marry your youngest daughter."

"You may," said the father promptly as he passed the cigars. "And now may I take you into my confidence?"

"Why—er—" exclaimed the happy man.

"Well, my boy," said his future father-in-law, "I want you to pass the word round among your friends and get some of them excited about Margaret, Dorothy, and Nancy. Now put a couple of these cigars in your pocket and leave me in peace!"

PATRIOTISM.

MEDAL FROM SALVATION ARMY.

New York, Yesterday. Miss Evangeline Booth, head of the Salvation Army in America, has awarded Eleanor Van Rensselaer the Fairfax medal for "eminent patriotic service."—Reuter's American Service.

INDIAN SCHOLARS.

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that was that they should, especially during the holidays, read books from the school library. These books, he said, had been selected by Mr. Ralphs and Mr. Ishston, and he was sure that by reading them the boys would improve in their spelling and grammar.

As regards arithmetic, Mr. el Arculli said that he did not know of any other way of learning but in the class rooms, but he suggested that if the backward boys were made to keep cricket scores on the play ground, their companions would see to it that they improved.

Object Of Schooling.
Continuing, Mr. el Arculli told the boys that they had not been sent to school only to learn how to read, write and do sums.

They were there to mould their characters and learn how to do things properly, and equip themselves for their after life amongst other men of all classes, nationality and religion. If they learned how to use their minds properly they would learn if others differed from them in caste and religious views, that the other man's views were worthy of respect.

To have full appreciation of education one must have the ability to think for himself. Speaking about the appreciation of education, Mr. el Arculli said that recently he had the pleasure of meeting a man well-known to them as a thinker—Mr. Neghal Singh, who told him of the appreciation Indian soldiers had of education.

Value of Education.

During the War Mr. Neghal Singh lived in London, and Indian soldiers on leave were in the habit of visiting him at his home. They told him that they wondered how English civilians who joined up so readily took to the soldier's life. They were as good soldiers in six months as they (the Indians) who had been soldiers for six years. However, when they thought the matter over, they were convinced that the English civilians adapted themselves so readily because they had been given education and were taught to think for themselves. If that was true of success on the battle field, how much truer it must be for success in the battle of life.

Mr. el Arculli concluded by wishing the boys a happy holiday, and hoped that the would come back to the class rooms prepared to work hard so that there would be better results next year.

Cheers were then given for Mr. el Arculli, the masters and pupils (called by Mr. el Arculli), Mr. Wood, Mr. Ishston and the visitors.

Prize List.

The following were the prize winners:—
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GAP ROAD SCHOOL.

MR. RALPHS DISTRIBUTES PRIZES.

A GOOD YEAR.

The annual prize giving of the Gap Road Anglo-Chinese School took place this morning. Mr. El Ralphs distributing the prizes to the successful students.

The Headmaster, Mr. Lo Yuk-lun, read the report for the year ended December 31, 1927, as follows:—
The school was opened on 229 days as against 227 for 1926. The maximum number of scholars for the year under review was 143, a decrease of 7 from that of the previous year and the average attendance stood at 132 being slightly under that for 1926 which was 140.

During the year the attendance has been very good especially since the inauguration of the Best Attendance Banner in October. It is a matter of regret that owing to the fact that there was only one division of Class 8, quite a number of applicants for admission had to be refused.

Almost the whole staff of the school remained the same throughout the year; the exception being Mr. Leung Fung-lam, resigned early in January and whose place was taken by Mr. Lau Pui-ki, appointed in the month of March.

The general tone and discipline have been very well maintained. The boys are well mannered and easily controlled. The Prefects deserve commendation for their valuable assistance in the maintenance of order.

Health Good.
On the whole the health of the school has been very good. Our thanks are due to Dr. E. M. Minett, Medical Officer for Schools, for having carefully inspected the school twice during the year and for her kindness in preparing and furnishing useful hygiene notes for Class 1 lessons. The result of her inspection was that 8 boys were ordered to be provided with glasses to preserve their sight. In addition only a few cases of minor ailments were sent to Dr. K. T. Ho at the Eastern Public Dispensary for treatment, to whom we have to tender our thanks.

The results of the Annual Examination have been highly satisfactory. 120 boys passed out of 132 presented, the percentage of passes being nearly 98 as against 90 for that of the previous year.

I am glad to mention that our past pupils at Wansui School have been able to maintain their high position in the recent examination. Fung Chun-hong, our 1925 Free Scholar to Wansui School, succeeded in heading the list in Class 4 there, carrying off a Scholarship to Queen's College for 3 years. Two of our top boys, Chan Kwai-wa at Queen's College, and Yan Shu-fan at St. Joseph's College, are among the successful candidates in the recent Matriculation Examination at the Hong Kong University.

Sports.
In spite of the lack of an adequate playground, the boys have been most active in sports. During the cold months they played football whenever any ground within the Race Course was available. Ping Pong has been their most favourite indoor game. Swimming races by regularity were regularly held in summer. Mr. Leung Yuk-long has rendered valuable services as a sportsmaster and he has been responsible for the physical drill of the whole school.

Good Work.
In the course of his address of the pupils, Mr. Ralphs said that he had looked over their examination papers and was struck by the good work done. He congratulated those pupils who had won scholarships, and also the two ex-pupils of the school who had passed the matriculation examination at the University. Mr. Ralphs also remarked on the good manners of the boys, and congratulated them on it.

Prize List.
The following were the prize winners:—
English.
6A.—Chan Fuk-tim; Li Kwan-hung, Lau Cheuk-kwan.
6B.—Mak Kiu-fun, Tang Kwok-leung, Kam Kwong-ling.
7A.—Leung Wing-kwong, Ng Yuk-kwai, Chu Shiu-lun.
7B.—Kong Shau-lai, Tam Kwong-yun, Yung Shiu-pun.
8.—Heung Yu-lun, Cheung King-ho, Wong Pak-kwong.

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8.—Wong Wing-kun, Wong Pak-kwong, Mak Hong-ling.

Special Prize:—For good conduct, Lai Yu-on; for map drawing, Chan Fuk-tim.

Sing and Dost Mohamed, Quarter Mile (Junior).—Amin Bacheo and A. K. Karamot.
Class 7 Race (handicap).—Abdoun and Mohd Syed.
Arithmetic Race.—Upper School: Wazir Gull and Hari Singh; Lower School: Gurdial Singh and Darshan Singh.

Masters' Race.—Mr. Hardit Singh and Mr. Chazar Singh.
One Mile.—A. K. Karamot and Dost Mohamed.
Old Boys' Race. (440 yards).—D. Mohamed and J. Kasim Bhoi.
Consolation Race.—S. M. Barm-Jahn and Mohamed Usuf.

Challenge Cup.—Senior Championship: Dost Mohamed; Junior Championship: Amin Bacheo.

High Jump (senior).—Dost Mohamed and O. el Arculli.
High Jump (Junior).—A. Bacheo and Samat Yusuf.
Three Legged Race (senior).—S. Hassan and E. K. Marker.
Three Legged Race (Junior).—Majid Rehman and Samat Yusuf.

100 Yards (senior).—S. Hassan and Dawood Ali.
100 Yards (Junior).—A. Bacheo and Majid Rehman.
Sack Race (senior).—E. R. Marker and S. Hassan.
Sack Race (Junior).—Hashim Ahmed and Majid Rehman.

220 Yards (senior).—S. Hassan and Dawood Ali.
220 Yards (Junior).—Amin Bacheo and Wazir Gull.
Throwing the Cricket Ball.—O. el Arculli.
Class 8 Race (Handicap).—Mohamed Barket and Mohamed Shafi.
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NEW BUS ROUTE.

LINKING UP YAU MATI AND MONGKOK.

ALTERNATIVE WAY.

A new bus route in Kowloon, known as No. 10, will link up the thickly crowded districts of Yau-mati and Mongkok, which are the Chinese business and residential localities.

"No. 10" is at present maintained by the Kowloon Motor Bus Co. A possible description is that it runs parallel to Nathan Road, but is nearer the harbour and therefore more convenient to the Chinese.

The route is:—
From the "Star" ferry wharf, to Canton Road, Jordan Road, Shanghai Street (to its end), Prince Edward Road, Kowloon City—and return the same way.

From the route named, it will be seen that the buses will go to the edge of Shamshui before turning off to Kowloon City. It can also be considered as an alternative to the main stream of traffic on Nathan Road.

The Kowloon Motor Bus Co. also announces a change in the No. 2 route, as follows:—
Instead of going straight into Tai Po Road from Nathan Road, the buses will turn into Prince Edward Road and Lukichok Road (Shamshui), thence to Nam-chong Street and Tai Po Road to Cheungshawan and Lukichok.

Instead of going straight along to Lukichok, "No. 2" will connect up Shamshui as well. There is no change in the number or position of stopping places on that part of Tai Po Road which is now avoided by reason of the change, and additional localities will be served.

NOT DEAD YET.
ALLEGED FORGER OF A WILL.
SON IN COURT.

Before Mr. Roger Edward Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning, a Chinese youth named Lau Sing-fook was charged on four counts of false pretences and perjury.

The first charge was that the accused on December 1, 1927, uttered to Mr. H. K. Woo, solicitor, a false will purporting to be that of his father, Lau Tak-hing, alias Lau Po-tsun.

The second count was that the accused on December 24, 1927, by virtue of probate obtained on the false will, did attempt to defraud the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank of \$1,500.

The other charges alleged that the accused committed perjury before Mr. C. D. Melbourne on December 12, 1927.

In the first instance accused was alleged to have sworn a false deposition that the document forming the subject of the first two charges was the last will of his father, appointing the accused his sole executor. The last charge alleged that the accused had falsely sworn a statement to the effect that his father had died in his home in the country, when, in fact, the latter is still alive.

On the application of Sergeant Whant, who said that the assistant Crown Solicitor would appear to prosecute, the hearing of the case was fixed for January 18 at 2.15 p.m.

LETTER THEFTS?
CHINESE CHARGED THIS MORNING.
P.O. LIABILITIES.

Before Mr. Roger Edward Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning, a Chinese of the coolie class was charged with stealing letters from private letter boxes at the Post Office, and attempting to obtain money by means of a false document.

Sergeant Whant, who prosecuted, said that he had taken the matter up with the Post Office with regard to the first charge but they were unable to proceed in the matter as the letters were actually out of their jurisdiction once they were placed in the private boxes.

With regard to the false document, the Sergeant said that he would like a remand as he would have to get witnesses from the country.

The accused was alleged to have had in his possession an envelope addressed to a witness in the writing of the latter's brother in Singapore, but the documents inside asking for money were not in the same writing. The inference was that the false document had been substituted for the original contents of the envelope with intent to defraud the addressee of the letter.

A remand was given until Monday.

SALESMAN'S CLAIM.
SUES FOR \$722 DUE AS COMMISSION.

Ip Kam-cheong, a salesman, sued the Wing Fat firm in the summary Court this morning before the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Wood, for the sum of \$722, alleged commission due.

Mr. Owen, for plaintiff, said Ip was engaged by the defendant on a verbal agreement to obtain business and was promised 15 per cent. commission on all business with work done on ships, and as some of them were not in Hong Kong at present he would have to ask for an adjournment until they arrived.

Mr. Nash, for defendant, said they admitted five items in the statement of claim so far as the amounts of the orders were concerned, but in every case they had not received full payment.

The case was adjourned after one item had been dealt with, judgment in this instance being given for defendants.

MEN AND BEAUTY.
NOT SOUGHT BY MASCULINE SEX.
"IN THE ABSTRACT"

Since the beginning of time women have frequented beauty establishments and sought eagerly for strange lotion and ointments. Even in the early days of the great Empire of Crete we read of the various aids to beauty employed by the women of the day.

Yet why? Beauty has never yet helped a woman to gain her ends or to enjoy her life one fraction more, writes Lady Kitty Vincent. I have talked to many men on the subject and they all agree that a lovely face means nothing to them. It is just that odd, indefinable something which has nothing to do with beauty. In the abstract a man may admire a slim pair of ankles or a wonderful skin. He may even notice and be impressed by them when he meets them in the street. But further than that they do not lead him.

Most of the beauty attributed to the famous women of history is purely legendary. Mary Queen of Scots was not lovely; Cleopatra was no dark, flashing-eyed siren; she was a slim, blue-eyed little thing.

NORTHERN AGENTS.

NATIONALIST ANXIETY IN SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, To-day.

The Northern agents in Shanghai some little time ago created anxiety among members of the Nationalist Government. These activities, it appears, have again become evident.

General Pei Chung-hsi has failed to secure recognition by the Nationalist Government as commander of the Shanghai-Woosung Area, and the Government is advocating the appointment of General Hsiang Shi-hwei.

General Hsiang has a private residence in the International Settlement, and should he take up the post a change in legal and military appointments is expected.

General's Loyalty.
Doubts expressed regarding the loyalty of General Sang Chang-wu, who is suspected of conspiring with Chung Chang-chung.

General Feng Yu-hsiang, it is said, is becoming unpopular in Honan.

Guns at Tsingtao.
Field guns in large quantities, consigned to Northern forces, have been landed at Tsingtao, according to reports from that city.—British Naval Wireless.

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One of the most fascinating women I have ever met was stout, had a bad skin and legs like champagne bottles; yet men simply fell down and worshipped her. No one knows what causes a woman to attract men, but it is certainly not her looks.

It is true that knowing she is lovely may give a woman confidence, and the confidence in herself will increase her magnetism. But it cannot give her that strange elusive charm which is a gift of the gods. In the majority of cases she might as well put away her creams and her lotions. Either she was blessed by the gods at birth, and given the power to charm or she was left undowered.

FIVE PEOPLE GASSED.
The Kowloon Fire Brigade received a call from No. 96 Canton Road at 9.45 p.m. yesterday, and an engine was sent. On arrival, it was found that the call was not one of fire. Apparently, some disused gas fittings had been removed in the house, and this resulted in an escape of gas to the ground floor where five of the inmates were gassed and unconscious. First aid was immediately applied and two men recovered. The other three were removed to the Kowloon Hospital.

CINEMA NOTES.
"THE FIRE BRIGADE" AT THE QUEEN'S.

"The Fire Brigade," a love story with a background of sensational fire thrills, comes to the Queen's Theatre to-day as the feature attraction until Saturday. May McAvoy and Charles Ray play the leading roles, and the distinguished cast includes Holmes Herbert, Tom O'Brien, and Eugene Besserer. There are many thrilling fire scenes in the picture, the wonderful realism achieved being due in large measure to the fact that trained firemen were employed. "The Fire Brigade" is also notable for some fine colour work. Some of the fire scenes are tinted and a huge fancy dress ball is presented in natural colours.

"THE TAXI DANCER."
"The Taxi Dancer" comes to the World Theatre to-day as the feature attraction until Saturday. The story deals with the adventures of a girl who leaves a country town to capture New York. Failing to get a start in Broadway she becomes a "taxi dancer"—a girl who will dance at so much per dance. The main part of the picture is devoted to the strange events that follow her advent into the world of jazz. Joan Crawford and Owen Moore are the leading players.

"SATAN IN SABLES."
The chief picture in the new continuous programme at the Star Theatre to-day is "Satan in Sables," a story of love in Paris in the gay days before the war. The principal players are Lowell Sherman as a Russian prince and Pauline Garon as a Parisian dancer. The movie programme at the Star Theatre ends at 8.30, the Globe Trotters at 9.15, presenting their entertaining revue "Scenes and Screens."

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Star Theatre: The Globe Trotters in "Scenes and Screens," 9.15 p.m.

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "The Fire Brigade," 9.15 p.m.

To-day—World Theatre: "The Taxi Dancer," 9.15 p.m.

To-day—Star Theatre: "Satan in Sables," 8.30 to 9.30 p.m.

To-day—Helena May Institute Concert, 5.30 p.m.

January 14—Star Theatre, The Globe Trotters in "Pleasure Land."

January 16—Star Theatre, The Globe Trotters in "Incidents."

February 25—Craigengower Cricket Club's annual Bachelors' Dance.

Sports.

To-day—Football: 12th Heavy Bty. R.A. v. 31st H. Bty. R.A., Soekumpoo, 4.15 p.m.

January 13—Annual Billiard Championship of St. Peter's Y.M. Club.

January 14—Entries close for forthcoming Annual Race Meeting, 3 p.m.

January 21—China New Year meeting (Fanning Hunt), Kwantai Race Course.

January 28—American lawn tennis tourney (mixed doubles) for members of the Ladies' Recreation Club at L.R.C.

Meetings.

January 13—Annual meeting of St. David's Society, Prince's Building, 5.30 p.m.

January 16—General meeting of shareholders, Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., Exchange Bldg., noon.

January 27—Annual meeting of St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, 8.30 p.m.

February 9—Fortieth annual meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine, Matheson's offices, 12.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Warder G. E. Pockney has been
seconded for service with the
Johore Government.Capt. H. A. A. Howell, assistant
Staff Officer to Local Forces, S.S.,
was admitted to the General Hos-
pital.Mr. A. North, of the Asiatic
Petroleum Co., Ltd., Miri, and Mrs.
North, arrived from home leave by
the "Rhexenor."Mr. H. E. Gillingham, Manager of
Broga Rubber Estates, Ltd., Templin,
Selangor, returned from home
leave by the "City of Pekin."Mr. K. S. Nair, Municipal
Veterinary Surgeon, is given the
powers and duties of Government
Veterinary Surgeon in Singapore.Inspector W. H. Bendle, of the
Central Police Station, Ipoh, will
leave for Tapah to act for Mr. J.
Depovan, O.C.P.D., who is lying ill
in Batu Gajah Hospital.Mr. McN. Morren Master of the
s.s. "Kavong Fook Cheong" resigned
the command of that vessel
yesterday morning owing to sick-
ness. He has been succeeded by
Mr. D. Scully.As a protest against the arrest
of four members of the merchant
volunteer corps, a large number of
shops in Pootung closed. The
shops were open as usual when the
police released the volunteers.A small Japanese (M.B.K.)
steamer the s.s. "Pakuju Maru"
was holed by a lighter in the har-
bour yesterday and towed to
Cheung Sha Wan where the vessel
was beached. There were no
casualties.Mr. G. E. Vickers, formerly on
the technical staff of Malayan Col-
lieries, Ltd., at Batu Arang, who
resigned from the company's ser-
vice over a year ago, returned to
Malaya from England by the
"Rhexenor."The 40th ordinary general meet-
ing of shareholders of the Hong
Kong Land Investment and Agency
Co., Ltd., will be held at the offices
of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson &
Co., Ltd., on Thursday, February 9,
at 12.30 p.m.Mr. E. Gregson, Engineer, Posts
and Telegraphs Department, Ipoh,
is transferred to Penang as acting
Senior Telegraph Engineer for Pen-
ang, Province Wellesley, and
Kedah. Mr. Buckle, from Taiping,
relieves Mr. Gregson at Ipoh.The wedding of Mrs. Hollinshead
and Mr. C. Gordon Osborne will
take place at St. Andrew's Cathed-
ral on Saturday, January 21. A
reception will afterwards be held
at Balclutha, Nassim Road, the re-
sidence of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sims.Lammert Bros. are auctioning a
valuable collection of Curios at
their Sales room in Duddell Street
on Tuesday, January 17 at 2.30
p.m. The collection includes old
porcelain vases, lions, "condiment
sets, jade, agate and ivory orna-
ments.The engagement is announced
between Walter Sale, Royal Horse
Guards, third son of Mr. and Mrs.
Charles Sale, of Aston Rowant
House, Oxfordshire, and 10,
Chesterfield Street, and Ismay
FitzRoy, youngest daughter of
Lord and Lady Southampton, of
Rockliffe Park, Darlington.Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Fairman and
family, well-known Shanghai re-
sidents and prominent members of
the American community, have re-
turned to Shanghai from a visit to
the United States. Mr. Fairman
was formerly President of the
American Chamber of Commerce
in Shanghai, and is the manager of
Dodge Seymour and Company.A debate on the motion "That a
Man becomes Rich as a Result of
Chance Rather than Ability or In-
dustry," will take place at
the St. Peter's Church Young
Men's Club House on Monday,
January 16 at 8.30 p.m. The
motion will be proposed by Mr.
P. Sands, M.A., and seconded by
Mr. T. J. Price, B.Sc., Dr. F.
Ashton, M.D., and Mr. A. E. Lea
will lead the opposition.The cruiser "Castor," Captain
A. T. B. Curteis, was due to leave
Hong Kong on December 14 for
England with relieved officers and
men from small craft on the China
Station. She was to conform to the
following programme:—Singapore,
December 19-21; Colombo, Decem-
ber 26-30; Aden, January 4-8; Suez
and Port Said, January 14-15;
Malta, January 18-22; Gibraltar,
January 25-26; Plymouth, January
30; Portsmouth and Chatham, as
necessary.Kemal Pasha, the Turkish dicta-
tor, is not always as black as he
is painted. He confiscated Jesuit
schools and turned them into bar-
racks, and no one believed he would
pay the compensation promised
under the Treaty of Lausanne.
Jesuits, however, are famed for
their patience; is it not a fact
that part of their training is to fish
for hours in empty footbaths?
And their patience has triumphed
over Turkish chicanery after nego-
tiations that were spun out over
eleven months. The representa-
tive has now departed as thin as a
lath, but with his pockets full
of Turkish pound notes.Dr. T. W. H. Burne, M.B., B.S.
(London), succeeds Dr. C. B. Pasley
as Chief Surgeon, Perak.The last of the seven sections of
the gigantic floating dock for the
Singapore Naval Base has now
been launched at Wallsend.Lady Clement will present the
cups and certificates at St.
Stephen's Girls' College on Speech
Day, which is Tuesday, January 17.Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., M.A.,
(Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong
University) will distribute the
prizes on Monday next at 11.30
a.m., at the Vernacular Middle
School.Dr. Richard Paulusz, who re-
cently retired after long service as
a Government medical officer at
Singapore, has just come home, and
intends permanently settling down
in England.The marriage of Mr. Jack Row-
land Dalton, of Linggi Plantations,
F.M.S., and Margaret Kathleen,
elder daughter of the late Mr.
James Oliver and Mrs. Oliver, of
Limavady, Ireland, was to take
place on January 2, in Singapore.A new picture of the former
Sultan Mohammed VI. of Turkey,
now in exile, who is about to take
his fifth wife. His latest wife is
none other than the 19-year-old
Mlle. Juliette Lepeon, daughter of
a French merchant. The former
Sultan was at one time the most
married man in the world, having
had 500 wives in his harem at one
time.News has reached London that
Baron Matsui, the Japanese Am-
bassador in London, is expected to
retire in April. It is regarded
as virtually certain that Mr.
Adachi, the Japanese Ambassador
in Belgium, will shortly succeed
Viscount Ishii as Ambassador in
Paris.At the Marine Court yesterday,
before Commissioner G. R. Hale,
R.N., the master of a cargo boat
was charged with leaving port
without a clearance or permit from
the Harbour Master, and with
carrying 14 passengers in excess of
the number allowed by his licence.
Defendant pleaded guilty and was
fined \$25, or three weeks' hard
labour on the first charge, and fined
\$70, or ten weeks' hard labour on
second charge. The sentences
were to run consecutively.H.M.S. "Despatch," Captain R.
B. Ramsay, concluded her second
commission in the Navy since she
was completed in 1922 on Decem-
ber 12, and concurrently she is
transferred from the China to the
America and West Indies Station.
Her late commission began on
January 1, 1925, at Hong Kong,
and thus extended to nearly three
years of eventful service. In her
place, one of the new county
cruisers, probably H.M.S. "Bar-
wick," will proceed to China to
join the Fifth Cruiser Squadron
early this year.The Institution and Installation
of the Rev. Alfred Swann, M.A.,
D.S.C., as Dean of St. John's
Cathedral and Archdeacon of Hong
Kong, and the Rev. Mok Shau-
tang, incumbent of the Church of
Our Saviour, Canton, as Arch-
deacon of Canton, will take place
at evensong to-day, at 5.45 p.m.
Prior to this ceremony, a reception
to welcome the Rev. and Mrs.
Swann will be held in the Cathed-
ral Hall at 4.30. The Church
Body extend a cordial welcome to
all interested in the work of the
Cathedral to be present to-day.The educational classes of the
Y.M.C.A., held a social gathering
yesterday afternoon in the Associa-
tion's rooms at No. 127, Queen Road
where a programme of music was
carried out. There was also a de-
monstration of work by the various
classes. Mr. E. Ralph distributed
the certificates won by members of
the various classes. He em-
phasised the value of the type of
educational work which is being
done in the Y.M.C.A., and con-
gratulated the girls in the First
Aid and Home Nursing classes for
their good work. Altogether 41
certificates were distributed.H.E. the Sultan of Perak has
accepted the office of Hon. Com-
missioner of Police, F.M.S.Mr. W. H. Cordio, of the staff of
the Anglo-Chinese School, Serem-
ban, is being transferred to the
Anglo-Chinese School, Ipoh.Mr. Maurice Mudge, the well-
known Chairman of the Cleyly Rub-
ber Estate and other companies, is
expected in Malaya shortly.A Calcutta correspondent cables
news of the death of Mr. Pat
Lovett, editor of "Capital," and the
oldest European journalist in
India.Major-General Sir Philip Main-
waring Carnegie, K.C.B., who has
died aged 70, took part in the
Boxer campaign in China in 1900
with the Indian contingent.A marriage has been arranged,
and will take place at Shanghai
early this year, between Lieut.
Commander C. J. Gordon, R.N.
(Retd.), and Miss Mary Dorothy
Burns, eldest daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. David Burns, of Birch Lodge,
Wimbledon.The engagement is announced
between William Francis Anning,
only son of Mr. William Anning,
of Brockham Green, Surrey, and
Daisy, elder daughter of the late
Mr. E. T. Bond, formerly of Can-
ton, and Mrs. Bond, of Thorn-
field, Reigate.Consequent on the departure on
leave of Mr. L. H. Elphinstone, the
Attorney-General of Ceylon, who
was to have been a Judge in
Malaya, Mr. M. T. Akbar, the Soli-
citor-General, has taken the oath
as acting Attorney-General. Mr.
Akbar is a Ceylon Malay.The Hon. Mr. L. H. Cripps, who
is the third son of Lord Parmoor,
and a director of the Ocean Steam-
ship Company, has been visiting
Java ports and Singapore in con-
nection with the Company's busi-
ness, and leaves for Home by the
"Patroclus."Mr. C. C. Brown has arrived in
Taiping to take over the duties of
Secretary to Resident, Perak, from
Mr. T. P. Coe, who went on leave
by the "Kashgar." Mr. Sydney
Smith, acting State Engineer,
Perak, and his daughter Miss
Valeria Smith, left for Home by
the same ship.Rear-Admiral George Edward
Richards died on December 5
within two days of attaining 75
years. Entering the Navy as a
cadet in 1886, he later joined the
surveying branch, and from 1873,
when he was appointed to the
"Sylvia," in China, he held various
appointments and commands in
surveying ships.Hirohito, 123rd ruler of the Em-
pire of Japan, completed the first
year of his reign—the Era of
Showa—on December 25. At the
same time—the first anniversary
of the death of the late Emperor
Taisho—the Imperial Court mourn-
ing of one year terminated and
Their Majesties were freed of re-
strictions they had been under for
twelve months.Major-General A. E. Wardrop,
upon his appointment as General
Officer Commanding, North China
Command, had the honour of being
received by the King at Bucking-
ham Palace on December 18.
Major-General A. E. Wardrop will
leave London for China to take up
his new command. On handing
over to him Major-General J. Dun-
can will proceed home and take over
the 1st Division at Aldershot dur-
ing February.The King has appointed Mr. E.
H. Holmes to be His Majesty's
Consul-General for the Consular
District of Kanagawa (Yokohama),
comprising the whole of Hokkaido
(Yesso), the Kurile Islands and
Japanese Saghalien, and the Pre-
fectures of Kanagawa, Miyagi,
Yamagata, Fukushima, Niigata,
Tochigi, Ibaraki, Gumma, Saitama,
Chiba, Aomori, Yamaguchi, Shizu-
oka, Aomori, Iwate and Akita,
but excluding the Urban Prefec-
ture of Tokyo, to reside at Yoko-
hama (November 1).At a meeting of the Kingston and
District Chamber of Commerce, Mr.
F. B. Kay, a bank manager at
Kingston, and chairman of the
Surbiton Urban District Council,
gave an interesting talk on bank-
ing. He said there was an idea
that banking grew up only within
the last century or two, but on the
contrary it was a very ancient pro-
fession. There were records of a
bank which existed in China 2,000
B.C., and there was reason to be-
lieve that it got into trouble
through the issue of too many
notes.Dr. J. B. Addison, who has re-
cently been Principal Civil Medical
Officer, left the Colony on Tuesday
on the ground of ill-health. Before
coming to Hong Kong, Dr. Addison,
who holds the degrees of M.R.C.S.,
Eng., and L.R.C.P., London, spent
many years of his life at Seychelles.
He was appointed Assistant Medi-
cal Officer of the islands in 1907,
and in 1908 was made Chief Medi-
cal Officer. He remained in the
Seychelles until 1924 when he came
to Hong Kong. Dr. Addison is 58
and is returning to the Seychelles.
Dr. William Brownlow Ashe Moore
is now the Principal Civil Medical
Officer here.

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sides and a fresh outbreak against Communists has commenced.
Underneath the surface, however, there are many political
movements afoot, and these are fully dealt with by our Chinese
observers and correspondents in this week's "Overland Mail."On the Yangtze the Nationalists find themselves internally
at loggerheads and externally threatened by an army from
Hunan. Hankow, as our special correspondents point out in
the "Overland," may at any time prove to be the scene of an
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Reference to Hong Kong. The "China Mail" is indebted to the Japanese Consul-General in Hong Kong for the favour of a copy.

Special mention is made of the part played by organisations and governments of various nations in the enormous campaign which followed the disaster and the small way in which Hong Kong was able to help is also made subject of reference.

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Out of this small cast and simple groundplot Mr. John North creates a vivacious and various comedy which holds even a jaded reviewer's attention to the end. The characters are all living people, not merely lifelike automata, and they give one the impression of acting on their own not under their author's compulsion. The episodes are most entertaining especially the kidnapping of Sir Quentin by Patricia for an impromptu joy-ride in the country. Mr. North's dialogue is excellent, and it is to be hoped he will some day make use of his peculiar and personal quality of humour (at times it is almost gauloise) in writing a play.

"MAIL" REVIEW.

INCOMPATIBILITY.

"The Delectable Mountains," Struthers Burt. Hodder and Stoughton, 7s. 6d.

When a musical comedy girl, who is rather different from the usual type, becomes acquainted with a young man, who is self-willed, and who does not believe in the infallibility of parental authority, something is bound to happen. She was soulful, he was didactic, but although she seemed inclined to change, he was the same always. After they were married, he took the bride to his ranch among the Wyoming Hills. They were not happy, and estrangement was inevitable. They could not argue the matter out in a manner that might have caused some settlement, since all the speaking was one-sided, and she did not have much of a chance to put forward her case.

They both became so miserable that the parting, to which one has been looking forward, takes place, and she, the more miserable of the two, returns to her dancing.

It is extremely difficult to look on Stephen, the hero, as anything but an impossible prig, selfish, and above all self-satisfied. Mercedes, the heroine, plays a sorry part, but had she stuck up for herself to a greater extent, she could have made her life more comfortable. In fact had she had any real confidence in anything but her dancing, she would never have married Stephen. That would have been better for all concerned.

This is a book that will appeal to many, especially as it has been written by such a popular author as Struthers Burt, but one wonders why he has made such a poor thing as Stephen haunt some three hundred odd names of a book!

A NOVEL OR—?

"A Fiddle For Eighteen Pence," by Sybil Ryall (Hodder and Stoughton).

The story starts, as so many good stories do, with a mistake. Anna Linson had made a stupid error and ordered one thousand cases of fiddles instead of one. Accordingly, she and Mattie Bird decided to go through France by car to Perigueux and set the matter right. They arrived in Paris and bought a small car—their examination for permis de conduire is most amusing.

Leaving Paris, they are constantly being caught up by a charming young man, who makes himself most useful to them in many ways. They visit Orleans, Blois, and so through the chateau country. At Les Eyzies, they go through the prehistoric caves, and Nina realises that her friendship with M. Castanet has ripened into something deeper. Eventually at Perigueux, all is explained—M. Castanet is connected with the firm in whose order Nina had made her appalling blunder: he had known whom they were all the time: all ends well.

Do we call this a novel or a travel book? Whatever name we give it, it is a romance breathing the charm of Spring. One feels the story is subordinate to the descriptions of the French countryside, which are remarkably well done, and were obviously written by one knowing and loving the little-trodden by-ways of France. The adventures with inns, in country towns and the little difficulties that crop up over the behaviour of the car—Aptly called "the Bee"—ring very true. This book should be read by those who like a charming story full of good description, and in which every incident could very well have happened.

FOLKLORE TALES.

"The Story of Myths," By E. E. Kellett. (Kegan Paul 7s. 6d.)

That Mr. Kellett is a writer of real poetic power was made evident not only in his volume of graceful rhymes, "A Book of Cambridge Verse," but is clearly obvious in every book that he has written. Only a poet can treat myths with the grace, vivacity, and suggestiveness which give them, in the mind of his reader, something of the life and significance they possessed in the minds of the races to which they owe their being. It is Mr. Kellett's object to exhibit the main psychological elements which would

"NO DIVIDING LINE."

LITERATURE AND THE PRESS.

Mr. A. E. W. Mason, the novelist responding to the toast of "Literature and the Press," at the thirty-third annual dinner of the Readers' Pension Committee at the Holborn Restaurant, said there really was no dividing line between the two in the present time, and he doubted if there ever was such a division.

Addison, Steele, Swift, and others all wrote in periodicals before these writings appeared with in the covers of a book. There was supposed to be a certain permanency in real literature, but who was to lay down the law about permanency?

"The idol of one generation is the derelict of the next and may be the idol of the third generation. I think it is interesting to speculate whether the man scribbling histories of pirates and criminals and dropping in between books like 'Robinson Crusoe' and the Plague of London, realised that he was going to live among immortals. I am pretty sure Defoe did not care."

"I do not believe for a moment that those old sailor-men who went from Falmouth, Penzance, and Plymouth knew when they were writing up their logs on the Spanish Main that they were going to be acclaimed hundreds of years afterwards as masters of the English language."

"I doubt if the man writing in the wings of the theatre, sometimes plays of his own, sometimes touching up plays by other people to keep the Globe Theatre going, knew or very much cared, that three or four centuries afterwards he would be acclaimed as the very wonder of English literature. All we can say is, that so long as men are driven to work in the effort to cloth with the dignified beauty of the English language their ideas and notions and their emotions, so long literature will be alive and will be honoured."

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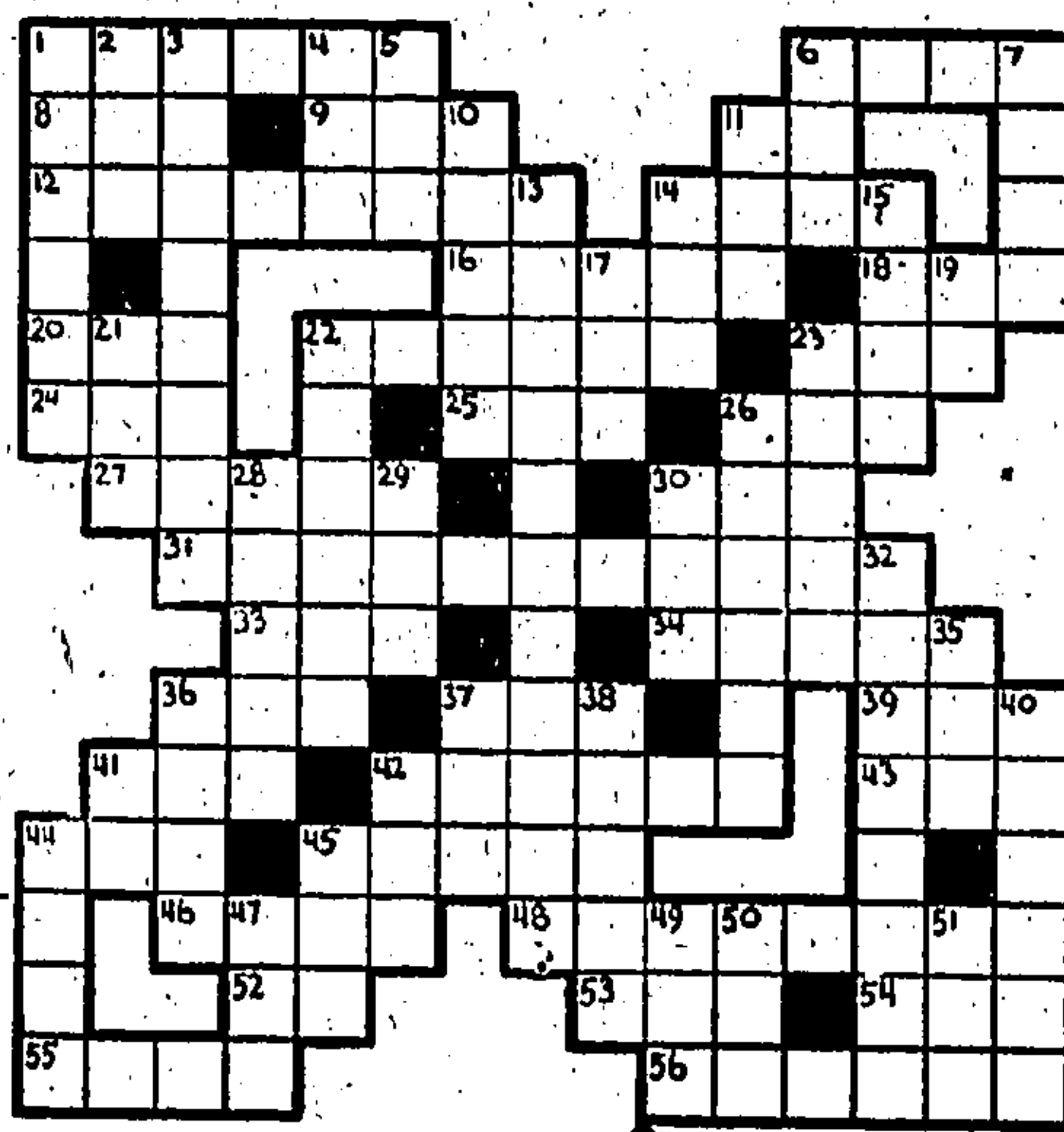
Miss Meynell is interested in her characters, else she, and we, should not be so intrigued with their portraits. But do they not somehow betray her interest? Do they not—as we say—"let her down"? We have a feeling in the despatch of her concluding pages that she is rather glad to stow away Morely and Laura and Charlie and Hague in their box, like puppets who have not come up to expectation. They disappoint us, at any rate, whether they have disappointed their author or not. There is so little "to them" after all their penetrating research. The fine artistry bestowed on them is not quite justified by their story.

It is Claire's story, mainly—how her suppressed radiant hopes are fulfilled through Richard Hague's resolution who rescues her shy charm from the half-tones of Timberly, into which it threatens to fade, Miss Meynell purposefully gives her heroine a setting somewhat apposed of its vitality. Timberly is an estate runner completely to be loathed. Its owner, Morely, well by self-deceit the manifestations of his selfishness. His wife Laura, has allowed a sad experience to bank her natural fires. Her sister-in-law, Gilda, has acquiesced in a spent passion. Beside these figures and Claire's in silverpoint Louise with her vulgar intriguing and Hague with his hard sanity are introduced with features and forces subdued—necessarily for Miss Meynell has the most delicate perception of values. But the effect in consequence it just a little too grey, even slightly faint.

seem to have contributed to the formation of myth and to choose for that purpose the best typical, examples from the folklore of Greece, Germany and Scandinavia. His book contains a vast amount of erudition arranged with admirable judgment and written in a most interesting style.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| HORIZONTAL | HORIZONTAL (Cont.) | VERTICAL (Cont.) |
| 1-What is a company of actors? | 41-Bustle | 14-Evening (poet.) |
| 2-To upbraid | 42-In glass-making what is the calculating-even called? | 15-To cut by gouging |
| 3-Over (poet.) | 43-Euclidean constellation | 17-To behave |
| 4-An oarman | 44-What is a stay-rope? | 18-Life Guards (abbr.) |
| 5-One (Scot.) | 45-What is Iceland's most famous volcano? | 19-Yes |
| 6-What English Puritan, who died in 1648, was governor of Massachusetts Colony? | 46-Spare | 20-To continue |
| 7-A large-mouth water-pitcher | 47-Small openings into cavities | 21-What is a general hand-to-hand fight? |
| 8-Tropical American tree of the myrtle family | 48-To exist | 22-Bustle |
| 9-A diminutive suffix | 49-Girl's name (short) | 23-Who is the reputed author of the first Athenian written code of laws, about 621 B.C.? |
| 10-To batter | 50-What prefix from the Latin means "one"? | 24-Epistle written to the people of Ephesus (abbr.) |
| 11-Sudden leap | 51-A complete dress | 25-What ancient city in Syria was famous for its sword-blades? |
| 12-What is the human face in slang? | 52-What is the Buddhist sacred city? | 26-Distant |
| 13-To shak | 53-What is the "cuttle" form— | 27-A short poem |
| 14-What is a fit of ill temper? | 54-What is the "cuttle" form— | 28-What Aelian bovine ruminant is between the blains and the true oxen? |
| 15-To envenom, as with some quality | 55-Apt | 29-A lapped joint |
| 16-Of what kingdom was Warsaw the capital? (abbr.) | 56-Adorn | 30-What is coarse cinnamon? |
| 17-Tribled | 57-What is the "cuttle" form— | 31-What is the symbol for gold? |
| 18-A tree of the olive family | 58-What is the "cuttle" form— | 32-Central (abbr.) |
| 19-What is a bundle of papers, held together with a band, called? | 59-What is the "cuttle" form— | 33-A group |
| 20-To freeze | 60-What is the "cuttle" form— | 34-Have (Scot.) |
| 21-Yes | 61-What is the "cuttle" form— | 35-To decline |
| 22-What prefix meaning "son" is used in Scotch and Irish names? | 62-What is the "cuttle" form— | 36-Beneficial |
| | | 37-Interjection— |
| | | 38-Half eme |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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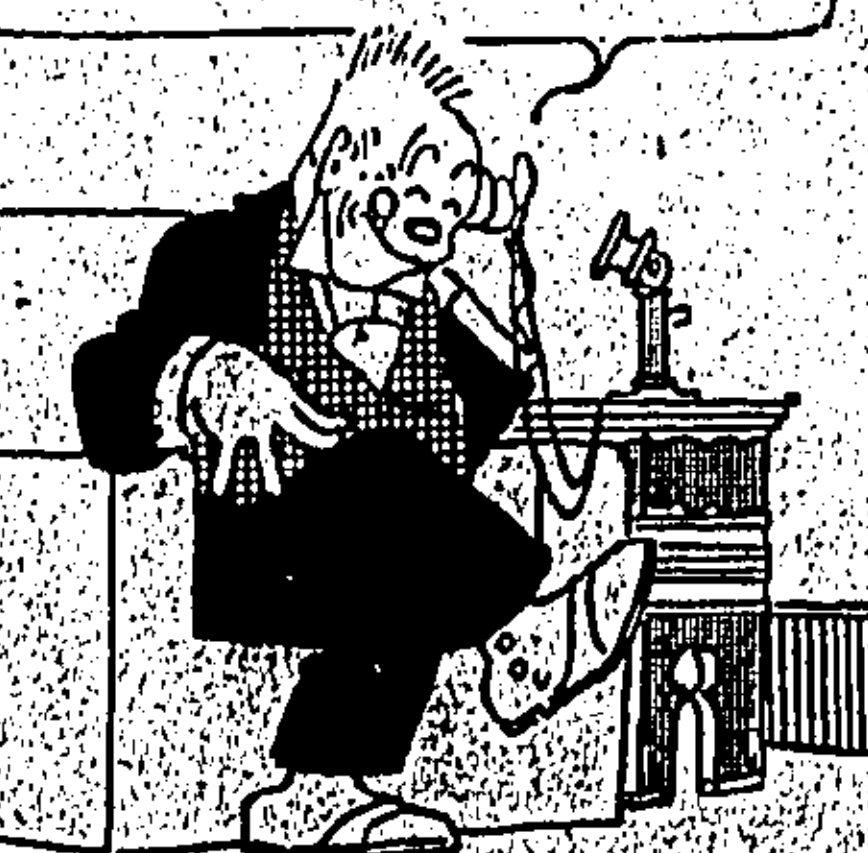
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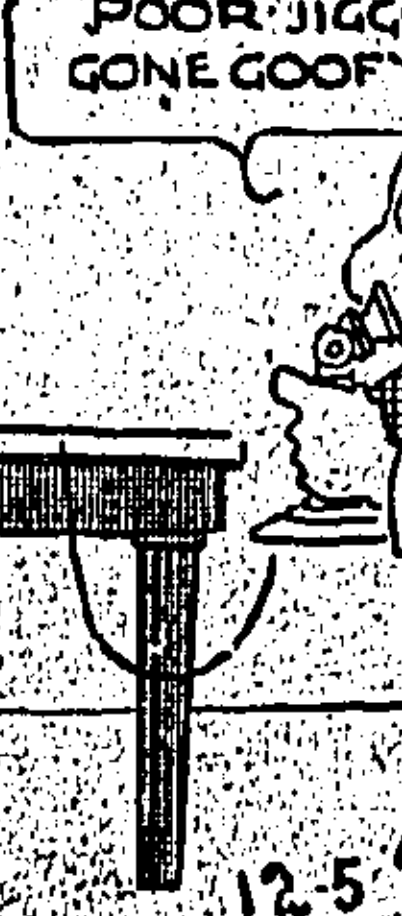
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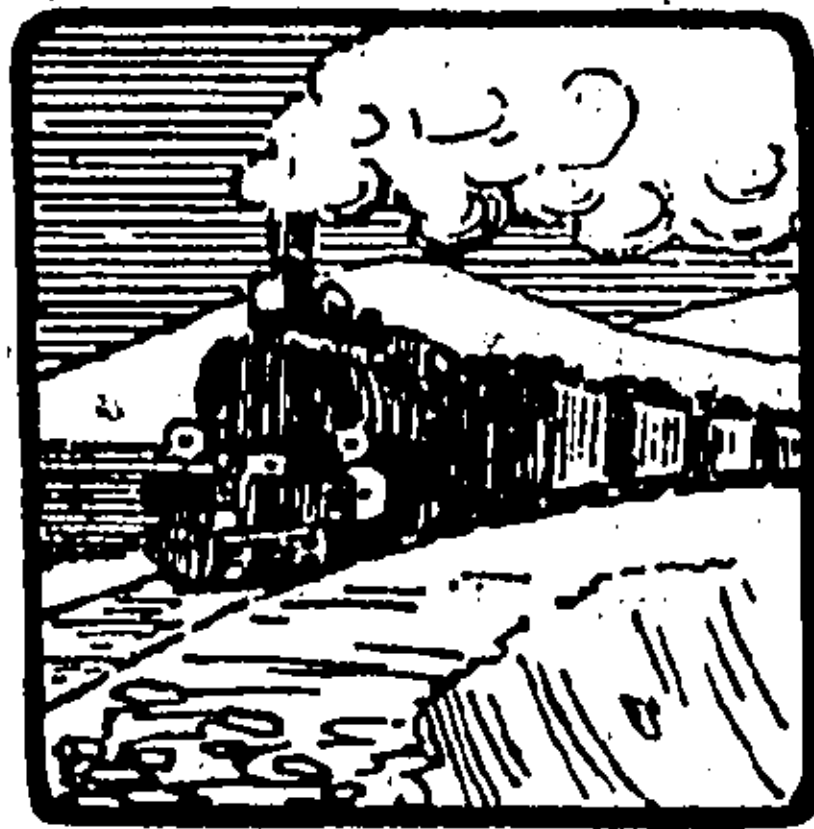
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NOTES FROM CHICAGO.

Writing in the "Observer" Mr. Ernest Price Bell, for many years London correspondent of the "Chicago Daily News," says: "We live in stirring times. 'Big Bill' has taken the field. It is a revolution. It is not a little revolution such as that of George Washington's days. It is a big revolution. 'Big Bill' would not be interested in a little revolution. He has a nice sense of perspective in matters of this kind."

George Washington was thinking about only the English yoke. "Big Bill's" intellectual range is much more spacious. He is a deep man. He is a radical man. If a thing has roots, "Big Bill" will find them. To an ordinary man a big thing may look small. "Big Bill" is subject to no such illusions. He often thinks at night. And when "Big Bill" thinks at night, anything marvellous may happen.

They are talking about a planetarium for Chicago. Do you know what a planetarium is? You do not understand it. "Big Bill" will understand it, right enough. Trust him to penetrate its disguise. A planetarium is nothing less than a camouflaged oratory. It is English. The machine was invented by a Scotsman and named in honour of the fourth Earl of Orkney.

And some people are talking of putting such a thing in Grant Park.

Did "Big Bill" start his revolution any too soon?

The Menace of Yorkshire Pudding. This is an age of hidden perils. America, particularly, is beset with dangers. We are big. We are rich—some of us. We are a shining mark. There are plottings against us everywhere. Russia still has her eyes on Alaska and the Pacific coast. Japan is crouching to hop upon us in Guam and the Philippines. But these menaces, comparatively, are trifling. Go to "Big Bill" if you want to know what the real danger is.

"Big Bill" will tell you that many American citizens, thanks to the denationalising influences of international intercourse, are contracting a taste for Yorkshire pudding. What safety can there be for the stars and stripes in an atmosphere of Yorkshire pudding? All British aristocrats eat it. King George III. and Lord North ate it. Likewise with bacon and eggs. Eaten in England for centuries, they are the English national breakfast to-day. To 100 per cent. Americanism there probably is nothing more subtly lethal than bacon and eggs.

And there are English walnuts in circulation in Chicago. You may not know about them but "Big Bill" knows about them. Nothing so insidious as English walnuts ever escapes "Big Bill." He understands them. He knows they are full of British propaganda. He knows that to crack English walnuts is to crack the American Constitution, and "Big Bill" rather would be cracked himself.

Cheese and Propaganda.

These are a few of the concrete Britishisms which engage the vigilance of Chicago's mayor. There is also tea. From the point of view of refined and imponderable British propaganda, tea is perhaps supreme. It has ruined a number of ambassadors and doubtless scores of diplomatic subalterns. Associate English tea with English cake and 100 per cent. Americanism goes to the wall. "Big Bill" knows this. It will be part of his larger strategy to harden the American conscience against tea.

Cheddar cheese is something else to look out for. You can buy it in Chicago. "Big Bill" has been mayor only a little while; give him a chance. There are perfectly astounding properties in Cheddar cheese. No one who eats a bit of it is ever the same person again. It contains an incredible propagandist potency. Feed a few slices of it to a man and he will burn Washington if he gets a chance—or, at the very least, join the English-Speaking Union.

Nor is "Big Bill's" big revolution concerned only with the perils of dietetic propaganda. He has eyes right round his head. He has noted the English tooth-brushes which are creeping into our drug stores. He has spotted some of the dentists who recommend these supposedly innocuous instruments. If you want to be patriotically healthy, "Big Bill" will tell you, be careful about what goes into your mouth. See to it that neither George III. nor George V. assails your national birthright in this vulnerable quarter.

What About Shakespeare?

When one thinks of the vast and intricate tasks which confront "Big Bill" in making America safe for Americans, one's heart goes out to him. He must manage things so big and things so little, things foreign and things domestic. With

EXPLOIT RECALLED.HOW YUAN WAS
OUTWITTED.

AN ANNIVERSARY.

Peking, Dec. 24.

To-morrow is not only a western Festival but a Chinese National Holiday, for since 1916 December 25 has been marked as the anniversary of the restoration of the Chinese Republic.

It was on the Christmas Day of 1915 that General Tsai Ao fired the first gun in his campaign against Yuan Shih-kai, which eventually culminated in the death of Yuan and the overthrow of the Hung Hsien monarchy. Tsai was a little over thirty years old when he became tuncun of Yunnan, his native province. Despite his youthfulness Yuan Shih-kai was afraid of him more than anybody else, not excepting the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen who found himself again a political refugee in Japan after the failure of the so-called second and third revolutions in the southern provinces.

When Yuan decided to make himself emperor in the summer of 1915 his first thought was how to overcome the opposition of General Tsai. He transferred him from Yunnan to Peking for service. Tsai accepted the call and was received in Peking by Yuan with every mark of courtesy. He was given a very comfortable position, drawing \$1,000 a month.

Tsai soon learned that Yuan would crown himself emperor. A staunch republican at heart he steadily refused to be drawn into support of Yuan's scheme. Yuan tried every means to win him over but in vain. Then he decided to spy upon him so that he could not leave the capital and raise the standard of revolt against him.

Yuan is generally regarded as a very shrewd man but in Tsai he appears to have met his match. In order to elude the vigilance of Yuan's countless detectives and throw them off their guard, Tsai decided to plunge himself into a dissipated life. He frequented the Chienmen quarter every night and became intimate with a one-sung-song girl, Hsiao Ah-feng, who later played a no small part in the escape of Tsai from Peking.

Tsai pretended to quarrel with his wife every day, and when this reached the ears of Yuan he felt that he had misjudged Tsai and that he could proceed to sit on the dragon throne without fear of opposition from him.

Accounts vary as to how Tsai succeeded in leaving Peking. Some say that he was disguised as a coolie while others state that he went with the sing-song girl. But there is no doubt about the fact that the relaxation of the guard over him contributed to the success of his flight. As soon as he reached Tientsin he boarded a Japanese steamer for Japan and from there he proceeded to Yunnan via Hong Kong. He reached Yunnan, the provincial capital, a few days before Christmas and on December 25 he declared the independence of Yunnan.

In Pei Hsi there is a library dedicated to the memory of General Tsai Ao who died in Japan about 8 years ago. There will be a memorial service for him to-morrow—"Kuo Wen."

The South-African railways have accepted a German tender for 80 locomotives in the face of severe competition.

One hand fastened in the British lion's mane, with the other he must keep Lake Michigan unlocked and restrain the Mississippi.

He has the Magna Charta to deal with; it is English. And the Habeas Corpus, and the English common law—what is he going to do with these? What is he going to do with Chaucer, Shakespeare, and Milton? He must do something. One hundred per cent. Americanism cannot stand sturdily upon such legal and cultural bases as these.

One's heart goes out to "Big Bill."

This "Big Bill" revolution we must have. We must have it all. It embodies virtues, beauties, original excellences, marvels, of which as yet we do not dream. "Big Bill" has given us the barest glimpse of what he is. We have in this country no literary genius, no Alexander Pope, for instance, capable of comprehending, let alone describing him. We simply must wait for him to unfold.

With "Big Bill" expanding and towering in the limelight, how could Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler have doubted that this epoch has at least one superlative man? Dr. Butler's remark merely illustrates afresh the extreme circumscription of the New York mental horizon. Truly, it is a long way from Chicago to the other side of the Adirondacks. But what mountains, in the end, can leap up high enough to obscure "Big Bill?"

FAN YUAN-LIEN.MINISTER OF EDUCATION
DEAD.

INTEREST IN LIBRARIES.

Peking, Dec. 24.

Mr. Fan Yuan-lien, Chairman of the Sino-American educational foundation fund association, and many times Minister of Education in the Peking Government, passed away at his Tientsin residence, on Friday morning. He is survived by his mother, who is critically ill, and his wife and two children.

Mr. Fan was born fifty two years ago in the district of Hsiang Hsiang, Hunan. After graduating from the Hunan Shih Hsueh School he went to Japan and attended the Tokyo Higher Normal College. While in Japan he was active in Chinese student circles and was the first to urge the Japanese authorities to establish special law courses for Chinese students.

Upon his return to China he joined the Board of Education in which his ability quickly won him recognition from his superiors. He taught for some time in the now defunct Frontier Development College and later formed the Shang Tse Association with returned students from other foreign countries.

Mr. Fan was appointed Minister of Education in the first Republican Cabinet formed by Mr. Lou Tseng-hsiang after the overthrow of the Manchus in 1911. He retained his post when Mr. Choo Pin-chun succeeded Mr. Lou as Premier. He resigned shortly afterwards, but again joined the Government as Minister of Education in 1914 when Marshal Tuan Chi-jui was Premier. His tenure of this post was again very short, for when Yuan Shih-kai wanted to make himself Emperor he resigned and went to Shanghai to join the Chung Hua Book Company as chief editor. He also worked with Mr. Liang Chi-chao for the overthrow of Tsai Ao in Shanghai, while the latter was carrying on his anti-Yuan campaign in Yunnan and Tzechuan.

With the restoration of the Republic Mr. Fan again went to Peking to serve as Minister of Education in the Government. In 1920 he went to Europe and America at the head of an Educational Mission to study conditions in the West. After his return he was appointed Chancellor of the Normal University for men. He served in this position for some two years during which he introduced many reforms. He was so popular with the student body that when he resigned on account of financial difficulties the students sent one delegation after another to Tientsin to persuade him to return to his duties.

When Mr. Sun Pao-chi formed his Cabinet in 1924 he was offered the portfolio of Education, but he declined the honour. In that year the Sino-American Education Foundation Fund Association was founded to administer the remitted American share of the Boxer indemnity, and he was unanimously elected Chairman of the Association.

Mr. Fan took great interest in the library movement and was responsible for the decision of the Association to build a million dollar library in Peihai. He was also one of the directors of Nankai University.

The news of his passing came as a great shock to his many friends in Tientsin and Peking. He had been suffering from the bloody plies for a number of years, but nobody suspected that the end would come so soon. He was in Peking only a week ago and was called away to the port by the news that his aged mother was seriously ill.

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FLOOD EPIC.

Young Lady's Gallant Rescues.

REMARKABLE STORY.

Aunt And Cousin Hauled Out Of A Flat.

Rugby, Yesterday.
At the Coroner's Court at Fulham to-day a remarkable story was told of how Miss Madge Frankeless, a girl of 20 years of age, rescued her aunt and a boy cousin from a basement flat which was flooded by the Thames last Friday night.
The inquest was being held on her two girl cousins, whom she was unable to save in spite of her gallant efforts.
It was related how Miss Frankeless awoke to find her bedroom deep in water. She aroused her relatives. She found that a way of escape was by a window. Getting out of the window she swam about in the area. The occupant of the flat above let down a sheet and urged Miss Frankeless to allow herself to be pulled up. She, however, declined, and dived back through the window at great risk into the flooded flat to find her relatives. She brought out a boy cousin, who was hauled up by the sheet, and then, swimming back into the flat, she brought out her aunt, Mrs. Watson, who in an exhausted condition, was hauled up. Miss Frankeless only gave up her attempt at rescue and consented to be drawn up when she was unable to swim any longer. Her legs and feet were so badly cut that she was taken to a hospital.
The Coroner congratulated Miss Frankeless highly on her gallant conduct and superb heroism, and it was announced that a testimonial fund had been opened by the Mayor of Fulham.—British Wireless Service.

BIG NAVY.

America's Programme Outlined.

"SHOWING THE FLAG."

Definite Need For Cruiser Tonnage.

Washington, Yesterday.
The essential considerations of national defence and the influence of "showing the flag" upon American merchants seeking trade expansion are two points urged by Mr. Wilbur, Secretary of the Navy, in a statement to the Naval Committee setting the reasons for support of the United States \$725,000,000 naval construction plan embracing 25 cruisers, five aircraft carriers, nine destroyer leaders, and 23 submarines.
Mr. Wilbur emphasised that the United States programme was in no way competitive, though consideration was taken of the programmes of other nations.
He declared that Great Britain's insistence on adequate cruiser tonnage, regardless of the plans of other Powers, was the most persuasive evidence that the United States also definitely needed cruiser tonnage regardless of other Powers' programmes.
The report adds that 22 cruisers, displacing 1,641,000 tons, should be replaced as obsolete and emphasised that the displacement and armament laid down in the Washington Treaty would be respected.
It is understood that the programme will be spread over five years.—Reuter's American Service.

GAIN IN POWER.

(Continued from Page 1.)

120 MILES AWAY.

Hunanese Effort to Retake Hankow.

The "Kung Sheung Yat Po" reports the Hunanese Army to be fighting at Tungcheng, which is in the south of Hupeh province, about 120 miles south of Hankow.
This message, if correct, indicates that the Hunanese are making a serious effort, and progressing, to recapture Hankow from the Nationalist troops who are led by Kwangsi generals (colleagues of Li Chai-sum and Wong Shi-hung) and others.
Consequences of War.

Defeat for the Kwangsi military faction at Hankow will have an appreciable adverse effect on the Government at Canton.

On the other hand, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the new Nationalist Government (writes the "China Mail" political correspondent) still seems reluctant to break with the Kwangsi faction and Canton.

General Yang Sen, who was encroaching on Hankow territory, is now back at Wanhsien, further up the Yangtze, where he is believed to have suppressed a rising against his authority.

Demand for \$3,000,000.

In addition to reports from Reuter regarding the Nationalists at Nanking (reproduced below), there is a Chinese cable which says that Marshal Feng Yuxiang (the "Christian General"), as an ally of Nanking, has asked Nanking for \$3,000,000 for his way chest. The cable goes on to say that he may get \$1,000,000 right away, the sum to be raised by Nanking in a levy on adjoining provinces.

With regard to the treasury bonds mentioned by Reuter, the "Kung Sheung Yat Po" says that only \$16,000,000 will be issued, making a total of \$40,000,000 with the amount issued when Mr. Sun Fo was Finance Minister.

NANKING QUORUM.

Nationalist Government's Decisions.

Shanghai, Yesterday.
A further six members of the Central Executive Committee left here for Nanking this evening, giving the requisite quorum for the Fourth Plenary Kuomintang Conference.

Hu Han-min and Wu Tsz-wei steadfastly refuse to participate. A telegram from Nanking states that the Government Council yesterday morning agreed to the proposal to recognise the Han Yeh Ping Co. and also to retain

MURDER ADMITTED.

Girl Strangled in Los Angeles.

ABNORMAL CRIMINALITY.

Cold Blooded Confession Of Cutting Up Warm Body.

Los Angeles, Jan. 2.
Hickman was successfully brought to Los Angeles in a train guarded by an army of police and detective at every stage of the journey from Pedleton, and was immediately jailed.
There was no interference by the crowd.
Subsequently, Hickman was charged before the Court.
The Judge promised every facility for the defence and adjourned the case till Tuesday.
The prisoner's confession is most cold-blooded. It reveals abnormal criminality.
Hickman declares that he repeatedly left the child alone in a room, tied in a chair, blindfolded, and he terrorised her before going out by showing her a revolver and threatening her with instant death.
He decided to kill her because he feared that if she was ransomed alive, she would put the police on his track.
He strangled her with a towel, but she still showed signs of life when he began to dissect the body. [An earlier message stated: Oakland, Dec. 27.—William Hickman has confessed to the police that he alone killed Marian Parker. The day after he kidnapped her he strangled her with a piece of piano wire, then cut up her body in a bath-tub in his rooms.]

CHRISTIAN UNITY.

NO COMPROMISE ON TRUTH.

Rome, Yesterday.
"It is impossible to reach a compromise on truth as revealed by God" epitomises a remarkable Papal encyclical which has been widely regarded as the death knell to the efforts initiated by Britain and America to achieve Christian unity.
The Pope invites Catholic Bishops throughout the world to warn their flocks as to fallacious religious unity among Christians, which consists of agreeing only on some points of faith which non-Catholics consider fundamental while preserving their own opinion on others which, in the past, led to separation from the Church of Rome.
The encyclical declares that any human compromise would be treason, and concludes that unity in the church is only obtainable by the return of the dissidents to the Church of Rome which is the "only true church of Christ."—Reuter.

COURTESY VISIT.

IRISH PRESIDENT GOING TO AMERICA.

London, Yesterday.
Mr. Cosgrave, President of the Executive of the Irish Free State, has left on what he describes as "a courtesy visit to America." He is accompanied by the Minister of Defence and prominent Government servants.—Reuter.

General Pei Chung-hsi (of the Kwangsi faction) as Garrison Commander at Shanghai, as the nomination Chang Chun on Jan. 9 met with strong opposition.
Raising the Wind.
The Council also decided to impose an additional salt tax of 1½ cents per catty and appointed the banker Chien Yung-min, Vice-Minister of Finance.
The Council sanctioned the proposals of the Finance Minister to issue \$40,000,000 8 per cent bonds at 98, secured on the 2½ per cent Customs surtax and luxury tax and also on the parcel post duty.—Reuter.

WUHU TROUBLE.

Boycott May Cause Shipping Stoppage.
Wuhu, Yesterday.
The anti-British boycott may cause interference with shipping, on this part of the Yangtze River. The situation is not satisfactory.—British Naval Wireless.

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